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### More Churches Will Share

The list of churches planning to make a special offering for Mississippi Baptist debts grows larger and larger. In addition to names listed in previous issues of the Record, the following churches have written saying they plan to take the June debt

Association and church: Lauderdale-41st Avenue Deer Creek-Leland. Newton-Stratton. Newton-Cross Roads. Panola-Peach Creek. Panola-Sardis. Lebanon-River Avenue. Lebanon-Sumrall. Jackson-Moss Point First. Bolivar-Cleveland. Oktibbeha-Morgan Chapel. Madison-Center Terrace. Tallahatchie-Charleston. Grenada-Graysport. Bolivar-Boyle. Pearl River-Picayune First. Lee-Calvary Tupelo. Riverside-Marks. BR-

### Other Names Are Written There

In addition to previous lists, the following churches have sent in their June debt offering.

The ideal list would contain the name of every Baptist church in

Association and church: Sunflower-Linn. Pontotoc-Toccopola. Lebanon-Green's Creek. Deer Creek-Anguilla. Lebanon-Wiggins. Scott—Springfield. Hinds-Warren-Vicksburg First. Yalobusha-Wayside. Tate-New Hope. Smith-Sardis. Simpson—Pleasant Hill. Simpson-Goodwater. Simpson—Bethlehem. Lafayette-Oxford First. Jones-Sharon. Calhoun—Meridian. Lauderdale—Meridian First. Covington-Collins. Simpson-Poplar Springs. Gulf Coast-Biloxi Second. Lincoln—Bethel. Union County-Amaziah.

Logtown Baptist Church enjoyed a June 11, with Rev. J. W. Sturdivant of Merigold preaching. There were 12 additions.—Curtis Askew, pastor.

We again call attention to the fact that some of the Association Minutes have not been sent to the Convention Board offices. These minutes are badly needed, daily, in checking information and statistics for the different churches. We list the following minutes that we will appreciate having in this office as soon as possible: Bolivár, Lebanon, Monroe, Neshoba, Clarke, Noxubee, Perry, Scott and Liberty.-DAMc.

### WHY DO BAPTISTS REMAIN ALOOF?



JOE W. BURTON

An Open Letter to the Editor of The Christian Century

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your editorial, "The Southern Baptists," published in your paper of May 31, 1944, raises the question, "Why should Southern Baptists longer stand aloof?" The question has to do with what you call "Southern Baptist isolationism" and to the denomination's polity "in relation to the ecumenical Christian church from which it holds stubbornly aloof."

In the editorial you charge Southern Baptists with what you term provincialism, self-sufficiency, "the brush arbor mind," complacency and pride. Your intent, it would appear, is to elicit our repentance with reference to organic union with Protes-

tantism, and bring us into the fold of the so-called ecumenical Christian church-which at the moment, it is assumed, means to you mind the Federal Council of Churches, but as soon as two of the present interdenominational bodies can agree to consolidate it will mean the "National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S. A."

To your charges sincere Southern Baptists must plead guilty, but by such plea we would not at all concur in your conclusion that the proper spirit of repentance should manifest itself in union with the several branches of Protestantism. Our repentance, we feel, should be toward God-deep and pungent and realnor should it evoke to any degree a revocation of any of those distinctive principles which brought us into

Your Question Answered

Your question, it is assumed, is asked in good faith. I should like to answer it with all candor, speaking, as you must know, for myself alone. Really to me, a Baptist, the question turns in the opposite direction, for my interest, per se, is not objectified in the query, Why do Baptists stand aloof? but rather by the prior interrogation, What reason is there for hastening into an organic association with other Christian bodies? What lack occasions the need for such organizations? What additional Christian ministry, in addition to that made possible already in my own denominational affiliation, would call into being further

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### BEHIND BARBED WIRE WITH PRISONERS

(In this installment of the prison camp story by Dr. Wm. Lipphard, we find that our prisoners are men with the love of beauty and the same emotions our boys have. Seeing America from a prison train is a thrilling recital.—Editor's note.)

Display Love For Beauty

Amazing ingenuity was shown by prisoners in beautifying their quarters and making them more comfortable. Many of the German prisoners had arrived in British purple prison uniforms, which had been issued to them soul-stirring revival the week of in British camps in Africa. The substitution of American blue prison uniforms left a supply of purple cloth, which ordinarily would have been burned in the camp incinerators. They promptly made out of it window curtains and stage curtains for the theatre in one of the recreation halls. Out of scrap lumber that remained after the barracks had been constructed by U. S. Army engineers, the prisoners made shelves, cabinets and wardrobe closets, and they carved wooden plates and other articles. Hundreds of sets of chessmen had thus been carved out of scrap lumber or made of pressed paper and cardboard, U. S. Army regulations obvi-

ously would not permit it, but I longed for a chess game with one of these prisoners. Across numerous ditches that drained Alabama and Mississippi autumn rains, they built artistic rustic bridges. They laid out grass plots, built fountains, poured concrete into statues, and made a huge sun dial with an American Flag at its base. Each of the 48 stars, of individually poured concrete had been pressed into a blue field. They arranged stones in neat piles, built a zoo for housing snakes and turtles which they had gathered on their farming and forestry assignment, and they laid out numerous baseball and football fields. Next spring the new foliage, the new grass and the flowers around the barracks will make it seem as if vast stretches of southern wilderness have blossomed like the rose.

### America From a Prison Train

How this increasing horde of prisoners is transported to the United States and distributed among the 72 camps reflects amazing efficiency in army transportation. In all cases the same standard routine procedure is followed. When a transport with prisoners arrives at a debarkation port, all prisoners are required to

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PFC. JOHN L. SMITH

### Soldier Says Missions to Islands of the Sea Not in Vain as Natives Befriend Our Boys

The testimony of a young soldier, member of the New Salem church, forcefully illustrates the "bread cast upon the waters" on New Britain Island. Pfc. John L. Smith has written some fine reports home and we quote in part:

"The letter signed by all the people has been received and I wish I could write each one at the church. ... I miss you all and I know you are praying for us fellows over here. It will be a great day when we can come back and worship in our own churches again. . . . We have all the regular services here and a good chaplain. A Southern Baptist man was with us, Chaplain Brittain, who was good. Our new chaplain brought us a great message on 'It is Better to Give Than to Receive.' New Britain is a South Sea Island, and very beautiful, when we are not looking at the shell holes and bomb craters! A large mountain stands behind our chapel, looking like a lovely picture. The people here are black. They are very friendly to us, but do not like the Japs. The natives have the name of being 'head-hunters' but this is untrue. They are more civilized than they get credit for being. There are Christian natives who speak some English. This is due to the fact that Christian missionaries came here long ago. Most all the natives worship God in some way. They do honor Sunday and don't work then. Most of them

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BR-From Pastor Chester L. Quarles we learn that Leland church took an offering on last Sunday for the Debt Campaign. The amount received was \$1,845.77. The goal is \$2,500. Several people have not yet been seen and it is thought that the amount may go even beyond the amount hoped for. Even though incomplete, this offering should be a challenge to every Mississippi Baptist

# Sparks & Splinters

Comes this interesting note from Meridian First with a check for \$1,050.00, which says: "Advance payment on our Now Club pledge. This is the payment June through December, or seven months. We trust it will help out in the paying off of our state debts."

Brother E. V. Southoff, secretary and treasurer, Moss Point church, writes for envelopes as they wish to make a special offering in June on Mississippi Baptist debts.

In the District B. T. U. Convention held at Mathiston on June 7, Clay County Association won the attendance banner with 34 members present. Nellie Marie Sligh of Houlka won the Young People's speaking contest. Her subject was, "Training for Christian Usefulness." Ruby Anders of Houlka won the Intermediate speaking contest. The Junior memory contest was won by Noel Thomas Turner of Houlka. Paul Poaten of Houlka won the Story Hour contest. The following officers were elected for the coming year: W. L. McEeran, Eupora, president; vice president, Loftin Lackey, Calhoun City; secretary, Mrs. John Collums, Houlka; Young People's leader, Miss Catherine Hill, West Point.

Pontotoc: Jessie Lee Jackson won the Junior memory work contest at the district Training Union Convention at Blue Mountain. Our pastor, John W. Cook, was elected district president for next year.—Reporter.

From Calhoun county, Meridian church, as they sent in a special debt-paying offering we have a fine message: "We are very happy to know this debt is being paid in full. We desire your prayers that our church may continue to cooperate and be of help in carrying on Christ's work here."

Wayside church, Yalobusha, writes in sending in an offering for Now Club debts, as follows: "On the debts—we trust this amount will be raised and clear our churches of this debt."

W. R. Haynie, former pastor at Durant and now pastor at Gretna, Louisiana, writes that it is Dr. Haynie now. The University of Arlington, Virginia, honored him with a D. D. on May 16 for 25 years successful ministry. Dr. Haynie states that they have recently paid the balance on their new building and the church has increased his salary.

"The Transformation of Levi Ben-Chalfi" is a very interesting account of the conversion of Matthew and subsequent incidents of his life ending with an account of his martyrdom. This book is written in scenario style (53 scenes), is quite interesting and could be adapted as a dramatic presentation. The author is familiar with every Jewish custom and ceremony. It is cloth bound, contains 152 pages and sells for \$2.00. It may be ordered from the author, 45 Astor Place, N. Y. 3.

Pastor R. H. Fitzgerald writes that Puckett church, Rankin county, took an offering for the June debt campaign on Sunday, June 18. He also writes: "Let me compliment you for the article on 'Father's Day' which appeared in last week's edition of The Baptist Record. I am following your recommendation of asking my people if they have read certain articles in the Record and the number of hands that go up in answer are increasing.

Pastor A. L. Benton, Poplar Springs, Simpson county, in sending in offering writes us this message: "We will take another offering on the fourth Sunday in June to try to get \$25 more, or a total of \$50 for our church."

Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—A resolution expressing "vigorous opposition" to the simplified federal tax law, because it eliminates the 15 per cent deduction for church and charity contributions by taxpayers within the \$5,000 bracket, was introduced at the Northern Baptist Convention here.

In connection with the revival at Logtown, we held our first Daily Vacation Bible school. There were 25 enrolled, nine of whom made professions of faith during the week. The faculty consisted of Rev. Curtis Askew, Mrs. Curtis Askew, Mrs. Ed De Boe, Miss Grace Jones, Miss Ada Jones and Mrs. G. O. Kerr.—Curtis Askew, pastor.

The Mississippi Club of the South-western Theological Seminary at its regular meeting elected the following officers to serve for the coming year: E. L. Howell, president; H. E. Salley, vice-president; Mrs. J. G. Miller, secretary; Mrs. Kelva Moore, reporter. There are many fine Mississippians in school here and several more will enter at the fall session.—Reporter.

Dr. W. E. Green, who will become president of Clarke College on July 15, has moved from Brookhaven to Newton. Pastor Morris writes very complimentary of the young people's camp at Clarke College. He had Brother Zunigha, Indian missionary of the Home Mission Board, with him in a recent service.

Rayville, La.: On June 11 we closed one of the best revivals we have had in a long time. We were assisted by Evangelist J. F. Mc-Lelland of Monroe and Lynnet Frantz of Niles, Michigan. Both did good work. There were 15 additions. We are expecting Chester Swor for a Religious Emphasis Week in September—Reporter.

Pastor D. T. Cranford, Charleston, wired us the other day for 300 Now Club special offering envelopes.

Brother C. O. Lindsey, Center Terrace, Canton, came in the other day asking for envelopes for the special June offering.

His Mississippi friends will be interested to know that E. N. Wilkerson has resigned the pastorate of the Lexington Avenue church, Danville, Ky., in order to accept the pastorate of Immanuel church, Lexington, Ky. He will begin his new work on July 1.

Pastor E. M. Bilbo, Hattiesburg, writes: "Yes, the River Avenue Baptist Church of Hattiesburg will particiate in the debt-paying plans for the month of June."

Pastor T. W. Talkington, Sumrall, writes us for envelopes for the special June offering, and closes his quest, "Yours for V-day in Mississippi."

Dr. Bryan Simmons writes with an offering from Sharon church: "This is the amount raised to date by the Sharon Baptist Church, Jones county. We shall press on to at least the \$100 mark. I hope receipts coming in are still proving satisfactory. Yes, I am still praying and hoping for VICTORY."

The Condensed History of the Prohibition Party deserves a wide reading. Many who now sneer at prohibitionists would change their minds if they would read this interesting book. The book may be ordered from the National Prohibitionist, 82 W. Washington street, Chicago 2, Ill. The price is ten cents.

Inverness: Our church has recently received six members by baptism and three by letter. Bro. L. J. Crumby spent two days at Camp Tallaha with 12 R. A. boys from this church. Plans and preparations are complete for the Daily Vacation Bible school, and will begin in one week. The church is also cooperating with the debt paying campaign, and offerings are being made.—W. A. Price, reporter.

From the Illinois Baptist we learn that Kenneth G. Hall, pastor of the Mounds, Ill., church has begun work as Neshoba county missionary. He will have his headquarters at Philadelphia. He holds the Th.M. degree from the Seminary at Louisville. Mrs. Hall is also well trained. She holds the M. R. E. degree from the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville.

Moorhead: Our church will take its debt offering on June 25.—O. P. Moore, pastor.

It may prove a source of inspiration for your readers to know that on Wednesday night, June 7th, there were 1204 who attended our midweek service which we call the Hour of Power. This is the second largest prayer service we had this year. On February 16th there were 1311 present. And how does a great prayer service react on the church? Our church has grown from 982 members to 1589 in three years and we are gaining momentum. We will report well over 100 baptisms to the association this year. Finances have trebled in three years, and attendance at all services has greatly increased. I believe prayer centered ministries would bring that great revival in the South with over a million baptisms in one year.-John E. Huss, pastor, Latonia, Ky., Baptist Church.

Have you considered sending The Baptist Record to your church officers and teachers? If they are doing anything as church officers and teachers they are worth 8 1/3 cents per month. That is all it costs the church to send the Record to all its officers and teachers.

His many friends are praying for the recovery of Alabama's State Executive Secretary, F. M. Barnes. He suffered a serious heart attack some weeks ago and has had to "take off" from his work and rest.

The recently inaugurated governor of Louisiana is a good Baptist. He has been an active member of the First church, Shreveport. BUT when he moved to Baton Rouge to serve his term as governor he immediately moved his membership as he should have done.

Southern Baptists lost a faithful missionary in the recent death of Dr. Jones Edgar Davis, a faithful missionary for 40 years and founder of the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. The Baptist Publishing House now supplies thirteen Sunday school and Training Union quarterlies, commentaries and other religious books and supplies in the Spanish language to 26 different countries.

We have received a postal card giving the attendance of West Side Baptist Church, Natchez, on June 11. But the postal card was not signed; therefore, we will not be able to use the information thereon. By turning to page four our readers will see that we state WEEKLY that we do not use unsigned communications. And had this postal card been signed we could not have used it last week because it was mailed at 1:30 p. m., June 13. It reached us on Wednesday. The Baptist Records were printed Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. William Potter, former pastor at McLain and now pastor at Neosho, Mo., is the author of an interesting booklet of sermons. The titles are:

1. Shall We Stay With Christianity?

2. Trash, Traitor, Tramp, Treason or Treasure?

3. If Our Lord Should Come Today!

4. Headlines Herald Headaches and Heartaches. 5. "Shields of Brass."

6. Jesus Christ, Saviour

... Paradox! The price is 40 cents and orders should be sent to the author.

Among the many churches having prayer on D-Day was Hepzibah church, Jeff Davis county. This church also enjoyed a report of the Southern Baptist Convention by the pastor, H. B. Speights.—Katherine Daniels, reporter

J. Harold Jones, now paster at Goodyear (Pearl River county) in a letter to the editor says, "Even though all my previous pastoral work has been done in Louisiana I now am a 'full-blood' Mississippi Baptist and expect to support the entire program. Already the Record is proving most helpful in acquainting me with the work in this state. Goodyear church now has the club plan but I hope to soon get it to support the EVERY FAMILY Plan. In our last work in Louisiana the Baptist Message was in the church budget for every member -or rather for every resident family. So far as I am concerned, this is the only wise plan to follow in order to achieve desired results. Please consider me as another pastor who will stand .100 percent for the Record."-J. Harold Jones.

We recommend "The Gospel of Mark for Men in Service," by Wilbur M. Smith, D. D. (Moody Press, 88 pp. cloth, 50c). It is an analysis of the second Gospel especially prepared for chaplains and others who conduct Bible classes for servicemen. It contains more information and help to the square inch on the book of Mark than any other book of its kind that we have seen. It will be helpful to anybody. Some of the outlines are: Teaching of Christ According to Mark's Gospel, Names and Titles of Christ in Mark, Christ and the Needs of Men, and several others. The author, Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, is a recognized authority on the study of the Bible, and widely known as the editor of Peloubet's Select Notes on the Sunday School Lesson. This book may be ordered from the Moody Bible

We have just received a copy of the 1943 minutes of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. These minutes show that total-receipts for all causes last year were \$676,762.06. More than \$214,000 went to out-of-state causes.

Two thousand three hundred and eighty—we persons were treated at the Southern Baptist Hospital during the month of May. Two or three beds have been placed in private rooms that are large enough for them. Every bed was occupied every day and a long waiting list is always on file.—Louis J. Bristow.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watts donated a beautiful carpet to the Sumrall church on condition that the church would sand and polish the remainder of the auditorium. It is truly a beautiful job and the, entire church and community are delighted.—T. W. Talkington.

Pastor J. B. Middleton, Sardis, writes for envelopes for two fine churches for the "Victory Drive"—Sardis and Cross Roads. We, of course, were happy to send them.

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Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"

I Cor. 13:8b

Mississippi Baptists will be glad to know that over \$11,000 cash on the hue whatever it touches. June Now Club Victory offering had been received at the Convention Board offices as of Monday, June 19.

Tuesday morning we received offerings from 25 additional churches. Thus, Mississippi Baptist churches, in love and loyalty, are writing victory into this campaign.

Several hundred Mississippi Baptist churches have given no indication of having a part in this single greatest financial victory movement in Missis-

For our part, we would not have missed it for anything. We urge all those churches and pastors to come in NOW.

Notice to all TREASURERS: We publish in July, receipts for the first six months of 1944. This include monies received in this office January 1 through June 30, 1944.

CONSECRATION THE SUPREME THING

"There are two ideals of Christian service. In one, man seeks to do things for Christ; in the other, he allows God to do things through a human channel or instrument. In the former the emphasis is on technique and methods; in the latter, consecration is the supreme thing. The latter is the ideal of the early Christians in their pre-Pentecostal experience (Acts 1 and 2).

"I. Sin Binds, Blinds and Blights—(1) The guilt of sin includes a slavery (John 8:34; Rom. 7:14, 15; Gal. 6:7). (2) Sin blinds its victims (Rom. 1:2-22; Rom. 8:32). Dr. Glover comments on the irony of Jesus in Matt. 23:24. Its victim was not sure "whether the creature he was looking at was a camel or a mosquito." (3) Sin blights other lives. "Perhaps the most terrible consequence of sin is its deadly power of passing on its taint to others in the family, the community and even the next generation."-H. A. Walter, in "Soul Surgery." (Rom. 6:14-19.)

"II. Christ Alone Can Save-He removes the condemnation (Rom. 8:1). He liberates (John 8:32; Rom. 6:14). He illumines the mind (John 7:17). He makes the believer a channel of blessing (John 7:37-39).

"III. Consecration is the Supreme Thing-Since Christ alone can meet man's need, the secret of service is to permit Christ to live in and through us (Gal. 2:20). Our usefulness will be proportionate to our consecration. This is the secret of Paul's usefulness (Acts 9:6; Rom. 9:2, 3; 10:1; 12:1). The consecration of believers, preachers, Sunday school teachers and others is of primary importance."-Selected.

IN BEHAVIOR, SON STILL HAS IT ON DAD

ficer's report and the Police Record, this personal interviews; 29 telephone interis the way juveniles and grown-ups conducted themselves in Jackson during the month of February:

"Grown-ups: 46 accidents-traffic; 16 automobiles stolen; 30 burglaries; 20 grand larceny; 24 petit larceny; 11 violating liquor law; 124 drunk; 9 drunken driving.

"Juveniles: 15 juvenile cases were handled by the Juvenile Officer; 60 per-

"According to the City Juvenile Of- sonal visits by Juvenile Officer; 80 views; 15 letters.

"You hear a lot about juvenile delinquency, and too much of it is true, but according to the above record, son is still a better man than dad. This record shows 280 men violated the laws of the city in such an open way as to be aken into custody, while only 199 juveniles came under the eyes of the juvenile officer of the city."-Clarion-Ledger.

III RELIGION IN ONE SENTENCE

(Guest Editorial)

By L. P. Wilson, Professor of Languages at Boys' High and Teacher of the Berean Sunday School Class, West End Church, Atlanta

"Suppose you were asked to state your conception of religion in one short sentence, what would you say?" This question, raised by a pastor in a recent sermon, demands an answer; for certainly a hazy idea here is too weak a support for our day. To me, religion does not have to do solely with a future life, as either a guarantee of reward or insurance against fire. It concerns very definitely the present life. My answer, therefore, would be this: RE-LIGION IS SOMETHING TO BELIEVE, SOMETHING TO BE, SOMETHING TO DO. Consider the implications.

SOMETHING TO BELIEVE—Life at best is such a storm-swept sea that without the ballast of a well defined faith, man's tiny boat would be totally unable to breast the gale. This fact creates a need which one's own mentality, all science and all philosophy fail utterly to supply. Only fixed, religious conviction is sufficient. No life has ever attained great height whose foundation was not correspondingly deep and solid. To a greater degree than ever before "he that wavers is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed"; and the days ahead will but tighten the grip of this principle upon every life.

This same thing is true of the church. The weakness of the church today is that so many of its members don't know what they believe. When we come into that maze referred to as "the post-war world," the church that doesn't know what it believes will find itself to be a mere shadow, completely lacking in the substance which that world will demand.

II. SOMETHING TO BE-Empty beyond the power of words to depict is a life that is not striving to become the best of which it is capable. In no other realm of thinking is the consummate ideal of selfhood painted with so skilled a hand, or in such delicate colorings, as in the realm of religion. Genuine religion beautifies life. Faith is a fadeless dye which changes to its own Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

Christianity in its beginning was not a philosophy, nor a code of ethics, nor a creed. It was "a Way"-a way of thinking, of speaking, of acting, of living. The life of the early disciples marked them as men of "the Way," and there was dynamite in their living because their belief had made new men of

Do we lay the charge of failure at the door of Christianity? Do we subscribe to the oft-heard statement that the church has lost its power? The answer lies in the fact that so few of us have been "transformed by the renewing (renovating) of our minds." No church can be powerless whose members are careful to be what their name implies.

III. SOMETHING TO DO-Activity has ever been the cure of pessimism and the fountain of happiness. That statement goes double in religion. Diagnose the case of the sour-faced, pessimistic Christian (so-called), and the trouble will most likely be found to be that he isn't doing anything about what he believes. Religion is not a sedative; it's a tonic.

We hear much regarding the relative merit of "creed religion" and "deed religion." Why the argument? The two should be inseparable. Creed finds fruition in deed; deed proves the genuineness of creed. The fruit is not the life of the tree, but is unmistakable proof of that life. A deedless creed is as useless as a fruitless tree.

This also applies to the church. What is a church? "An organized body of believers," you say. Not enough! Such an organization can be as motionless and powerless as an engine without steam, and without fire and water with which to produce it. Herein lies at least a partial explanation of the faint impression which the present-day church seems to be making on the world. Make no mistake about it: the world is attracted or repelled-not according to what the churches believes-but in the proportion to which it does, or fails to do, those things that are in keeping with its profession.

The conclusion seems evident. The Christian church is moving rapidly toward what will prove to be possibly the most severe test of its entire life. It will meet that test only to the degree that it BELIEVES and knows what it believes, dares to BE what that belief requires, and rises up in God-given strength to DO what that belief demands.—The Christian Index.

In the homegoing of Dr. W. T. Lowrey, heaven gained one who was a first citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven, and of this country. A Baptist worker said, "He had no blot against his name. He was truly a great Christian gentleman."

We have been losing some stalwarts. Mr. R. M. Hederman was one of the best men we knew. He was a loyal churchman, of a distinguished family, successful business man, and a friend to many.

Over in Presbyterian ranks, Mr. George Power, who went home sometime before, was a man of unusual capabilities carrying on at the same time many tasks and doing them well. We had the privilege of working with him for awhile on one project. He was a good, a spiritual man.

Back further Dr. J. R. G. Hewlett was called home. He probably built as many church houses and did as much organization work as any living Misissippi Baptist.

There are others, but-read Hebrews, chapter eleven.

ANOTHER CHOCTAW GIVES ALL

Another Choctaw has made the supreme sacrifice. "He died in line of duty to save his men. We all loved him." Thus wrote the Commanding Officer of Captain Percy Edward Haley in his message to the family of the beloved chaplain.

Chaplain Haley was a member of the ill-fated ship which sailed from Africa on November 26 and was one of the many killed when the ship was attacked. After freeing himself from the confines of the stricken ship, he re-entered in a heroic effort to save his men, only to perish with them.

He was a graduate of Mississippi College, a native of Flora, and was ordained to the ministry in 1936.

Survivors are his wife, the former Myrtis Hathorne; Percy Edward Haley, III; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Haley of Flora; a sister, Mrs. Gene Convers, West Memphis, Arkansas, and two brothers, John B. Haley, Natchez, and Captain Frank G. Haley, of the Signal Corps, Oakland, California.

Percy Haley was a martyr for his men. He felt that a higher power than the United States had commissioned him to minister to the men in the army as a chaplain. Constrained by the highest calling which

#### NORTHERN BAPTISTS ASK EX-TENSION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Atlantic City, N. J .- (RNS) -Extension of religious freedom throughout the world was advocated in a resolution approved by the Northern Baptist Convention here.

It demanded that Protestant missions be granted rights in South American now granted only to Roman Catholics, and that in the making of the peace no special advantage shall be given either to Roman Catholics or to Protestants, but that they shall enjoy equal privileges and rights.

The delegates further expressed their friendship "for our Baptist brethren in Russia" and instructed the General Council "to see that we are represented through the proper committees or the Baptist World Alliance, when the issue of religious liberty for Protestant minorities in the Soviet Union shall arise."

Continued emphasis on the separation of church and state was also stressed.

is in Christ Jesus his Lord, he entered this ministry. And in fulfilling his duty he was unmindful of the perils, even of his own life.

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### WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through:

- 1. The Cooperative Program.
- 2. The Now Club.
- 3. A summer assembly.
- 4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
- 5. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
- 6. A worker at Whitfield.
- 7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
- 8. A full-time Indian worker.
- 9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
- 10. At least ten enlistment pastors. 11. Enlarged soldier work.
- 12. Chinese worker.
- 13. Associational missionaries
- 14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt. 15. A Sunday school, a Training
- Union, a Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
- 16. The Baptist Record in every home.

#### -BR 49 MILES OF PENNIES

By paying our Mississippi Baptist debt in 1944 instead of forevermore we will save \$41,500 in interest charges.

This \$41,500 equals 4,150,000 gennies. These 4,150,000 pennies would make a row of pennies 3,112,500 inches long or 259,375 feet or 86,458 yards or a little more than 49 miles long. Who wants to pay 49 miles of interest? Let's have a generous share in the June debt offering and save 49 miles of pennies.

### WHY WAIT?

Two years ago at San Antonio a committee was appointed to suggest changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southern Baptist Convention. A few weeks before the Convention met a long report was sent out by this committee. This report, if printed without any explanation, would have meant little to the reader. We spent a half day trying to interpret the suggested changes so that our readers might know the meaning of every proposed change. When we had found time

to do this extra work and publish the report in The Baptist Record the Convention was almost upon

At the Atlanta Convention this same committee with some additions was asked to study again the Constitution and report at the Centennial Convention in Atlanta in May 1945. We are making a suggestion NOW and it is a good one. Our suggestion is this: In view of the fact that there seems to be much interest in the proposed changes and also many opinions, the committee should make its report in plenty of time for publication in our state papers and for the reader to read and reread the report. This committee could meet and discuss the proposes changes in the fall as well as in the winter and spring, and we are suggesting that they begin NOW, for the Constitution is the same as it will be next spring, and not later than January or February at the latest publish this report in order that the rank and file of people, many of whom will not be able to go to Atlanta, can have plenty of time to think about and discuss any proposed changes.

#### -BR-IT HASN'T HAPPENED TO US

Reports of late deliveries of The Index are distressing. These reports come from subscribers living in widely separated sections of the state. I beg the patience of those who receive the paper later than the week of publication. I regret the delay and assure them that I am doing my best to get the paper to them on time.

The causes of late deliveries are many and for the most part have been beyond my control. Changes in office personnel, influenza, a rapid climb in subscriptions, delays in getting skilled workmen to repair broken machines and a limited office force brought about by the war have caused unavoidable delay at the office. And now as we go to press the circulation clerk calls from her home to say: "I am having a swell time with the mumps."

Down at the printers' there are similar heartaches. Mr. E. D. Shirey, the beloved manager of the Western Newspaper Union, is having trouble. The army and navy have cut his force to the minimum. The night shift is gone and those remaining, in some cases, are overworked. Although the paper, of recent weeks, has gone to press a day earlier, the time gained thereby is not sufficient to print the paper and get it into the mail pouches in time for the carriers to deliver it, in many instances the week of publication.

In a conference this week with the postmaster, Mr. L. F. Livingston, I was assured of his sympathetic cooperation. The printers are doing their best to get the paper out in time for it to reach the most distant and remote post office in the state. But the subscribers should not expect a perfect delivery until the shortage of experienced help is cleared and the congestion in the mails relieved.

I am doing my best to serve the friends of the paper at a time when

men and things are out of joint. Have patience and report on a postal card when you do not receive your paper the week of publication .-O. P. G.

We quote the above editorial from the Christian Index of Georgia, not that we rejoice in the troubles of any of our brother editors but to thank God that He has spared The Baptist Record from many such troubles.

The Baptist Record is blessed with a conscientious, consecrated, Godly group of workers in the mailing and bookkeeping departments. They make every effort to give perfect service. They weep over one lost subscriber and cry for joy over every new EVERY FAMILY list even though additional subscribers mean more work.

The post office department has shown a real interest in giving good service. They make suggestions to us and we offer suggestions to them.

And we are greatly indebted to our printers who have gone not only the second but the third mile. As most of our readers know, The Baptist Record is printed by The Vicksburg Evening Post, Louis P. Cashman, president, and Paul Barclift, business manager. Both are active laymen in the Methodist church. Some of their employees are Baptists but regardless of their denomination every worker seems anxious to give the best service possible. Just as every other human being, they sometimes make mistakes but they are of the head and not of the heart.

In the three years that the Record has been printed in Vicksburg we do not recall a single instance that they failed to go to press at the regular time, nor do we recall a single time that they have failed to deliver The Baptist Record on time.

In fact, we have often wondered how they, regularly and without a single failure, have been able to print and produce the Record in spite of labor worries and manpower shortage. -BR

### D-DAY WAS PRAYER DAY

Probably more praying was done on D-Day than on any other day in history. We heard and read more about prayer that day than ever before. People went to churches for prayer on that day that seldom if ever go to church.

We recall one person saying concerning D-Day prayer, "I have a stake in those prayers." (She has several grandsons, etc., in the armed services, some in the invasion area.)

We make no claim to super-

righteousness but we prayed as much the day before and the day after as we did on D-Day. We didn't wait for D-Day to start praying. Nor did we quit when D-Day was over.

But we are glad so many people under various circumstances prayed and we believe that our God will not let those millions of prayers' go unheard.

And even if some prayed on D-Day only, we are glad to know that in time of trial or trouble great numbers of our people turned toward God.

### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.-Editor.

### "D" DAY WILL BE TOO LATE

The train sped along at fifty miles an hour.

In a drawing room seven people stood to their feet in prayer. It was one of the most impressive moments I have ever lived. The drawing room was reserved by Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall of Memphis. Judge Mc-Call is a faithful deacon in the First church, of Memphis. He is Southwide chairman of the Brotherhood Executive Board. He is a successful attorney and a Christian gentleman. In the prayer meeting were Lawson Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, and Hugh Latimer, associate secretary. There were Rev. D. M. Renick, pastor of La Belle Baptist Church, Memphis, and the editor. Then our leader was Dr. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Memphis.

We had listened while Brother Caudill read the Scripture to us and made a few comments on it. Now we were at prayer. Our immediate burden was the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. We prayed that God might have His way in our lives throughout this year, that we might re-consecrate our hearts and re-dedicate our lives to Him in service and that when we meet in Atlanta next year we might so come in His spirit that the mighty sweep of that convention would reach down through the stressful years ahead.

Whiel our train rushed through the gathering Georgia twilight we prayed for the men who prayed high in bombers and fighters over enemy territory. Our spirits from the swaying train merged with their spirits in the rocketing ships of the air. Then we prayed for the men on the lurching decks of battleships. Many of them, too, were praying with us at the same time. But we didn't forget the lads in fox-holes. Theirs is the least spectacular phase of the war but we remembered them in their dirty little nests with blood-shot eyes searching for enemy snipers. We prayed for the chaplains who minister on battlefields, in chapels, and on the planking of battleships. We remembered our families so far away-mine, fifteen hundred miles far-off in the expansive west. We prayed for our home churches.

The train whizzed along through the Georgia hills.

Quietly we slipped out to our places back in the Pullman. It was a little (Continued on Page Five)

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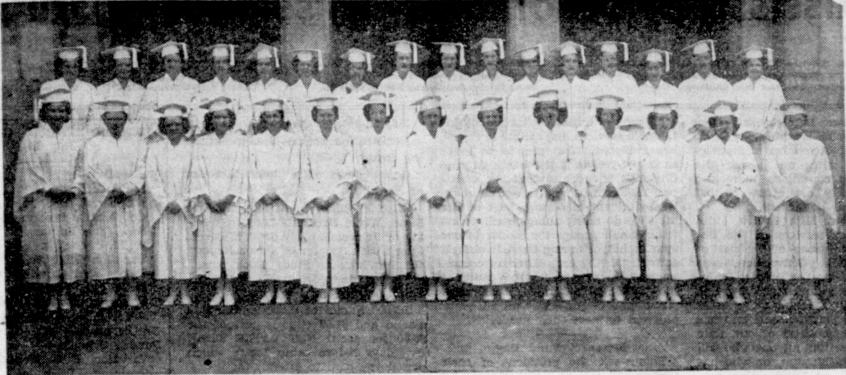
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### GRADUATES OF BAPTIST HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOOL



GRADUATE - Shown here is the 1944 grad-uating class of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School for Nurses. Top row, reading from left to right, Miss Elsie Eubanks, Miss Senie Elizabeth Hubbard, Miss Ann King, Miss Mildred Gillis, Miss Mary Grae Gill, Miss Sara Mikell, Miss Madie Shaw, Miss Turner, Miss Donna Helen Byrd, Miss Imogene Henderson, Miss Marion Rodgers, Miss Frances Martin, Miss lion Rhodes, Miss Cath-Ernelinda Cearley, Miss Inez McLendon, Miss Athalee Williamson. Second row, Miss Kate Kinnard, assistant director of the training school; Miss Lauie Nixon, Miss Lil-

Lehman, Miss Mary Velma England, Loray Stringer, Miss Miss Gertrude Roberts, Miss Dorris Jones, Miss Joy Rankin, Miss Helen Diamond and Mrs. Mary Anita Perez, director of the training school. Miss Alpha Mc-Coy, another member of the class, is not in the picture. She is doing post-graduate work at Western Reserve Hospital in Cleveland,

### BEHIND BARBED WIRE WITH PRISONERS

(Continued from Page One) strip to the nude. Each man is then passed through a dry steam bath, a hot but painless method of delousing. While in the steam bath his clothing is similarly subjected to insecticide treatment. Before he leaves the ship any necessary missing items of clothing, shoes, etc., are supplied so that each man is completely and adequately clothed. Then follows the train ride. The longest trip is four days from an Atlantic port to one of the far western camps. Usually about 800 men are assigned to a special train of 15 cars consisting of three tourist sleepers, one at each end and one in the middle for the army officers, enlisted men and guards; two baggage cars converted into kitchen and mess cars; and ten day coaches with 80 prisoners to each coach. Each prisoner has a seat to himself. Train windows cannot be opened more than three inches to prevent escape en route. Not more than one prisoner may be out of his seat or in the lavatory at any one time. The kitchen cars are equipped with huge ice refrigerators, gasoline stoves, and plenty of food. Breakfast consists of fruit, cereal, eggs, toast and coffee. For dinner the men have meat stew, potatoes, one vegetable, pudding, bread, coffee, tea or milk. For supper the chef in the baggage car produces cold meat or sausage, potato salad, bread and tea. The food is precisely what is furnished American Army soldiers, according to international agreement which most nations signed in Geneva, Switzerland. Hence it is popularly known as the Geneva Convention. Proudly one of the commanding officers showed me a printed copy. And proudly he told how the camp under his command was conforming to every detail. The Geneva Convention occupied a position of reference on his desk comparable to that of a Bible on the desk of a preacher. Thus 150,000 prisoners of war are seeing America and are having a travel experience that must

inevitably broaden their international

horizon and, it is hoped, prepare them for a constructive rather than a destructive global outlook when once they return home and resume civilian life.

### Human Backwash of War

Here was the human backwash of war. Seeing these German and Italian prisoners brought a great temptation to give free rein to the imagination. As I gazed into their faces, some sullen, hardened, and unmistakably brutal, others revealing, by their eyes and kind expressions, character qualities of gentility and humaneness, I wondered if in the course of my travels in Europe in the years before the war I had seen any of them before. Perhaps some of the Italians were in the regiment which I saw in 1935 march so proudly out of the Naples railroad station on their way to the S. S. Saturnia at the docks to embark on the conquest of Ethiopia. In front marched the son of Mussolini. Today the Naples railroad station is in ruins. The docks are a mass of twisted steel wreckage. The S. S. Saturnia is somewhere at the bottom of one of the seven seas. Ethiopia is again free. Thus has Mussolini's empire collapsed like a castle of beach sand when the tide comes in, and his once proud warriors are in American prison camps. And I wondered if I had seen some of the German prisoners when they too marched with the pride of Hitler's wehrmacht. Perhaps some were on the same special train that took me from Berlin to Tannenberg on that historic night in August, 1934, when on the following day I witnessed the state funeral of the late President Hindenburg and heard Hitler make his historic remark that he was not only burying Hindenberg but also the presidency with him.

Grim Veterans

Most of the German prisoners now in the United States have participated in many of the battles and campaigns of the war. Certainly many of them have actually killed American soldiers. It was not pleasant to ponder over that grim and ugly fact. Among them were others who had deliber-

ately dropped bombs on defenseless cities of Poland and France and Holland and thereby caused the death of thousands of innocent civilians, just as American and British bombing raids have unintentionally taken similar toll of German civilians in spite of their purpose and high percentage of precision accuracy in aiming bombs only at targets of military importance. Some of these prisoners were members of the once renowned Rommel's Afrika Korps. Still others fought fiercely in the long, but futile, effort to hold Stalingrad. Such are the grim, quick changes in the fortunes of war.

The presence of 140,000 prisoners of war in this country, all of whom must eventually be returned to their own countries after the war, prompts many Americans to ask some perfectly natural questions. Why is the U. S. Army transporting these hordes of prisoners from Africa and Europe to America, giving them a free trans-Atlantic round trip, a long free railroad journey, and maintaining them in these elaborate, well laid-out, sanitary, and adequately equipped camps, all at the expense of the United States heavily burdened income taxpayer and war bond holder? Why not leave these prisoners over there as in 1918.

> (Concluded next week) -BR

The Louisiana State University board of supervisors authorized creation of a religious education department at its commencement meeting here. Establishment of the department will be "at such times as the president of the University shall find it practicable." It was further stated that the head of the department would not be selected "until the field of available men suitable for such a position had been thoroughly can-

Harry L. Hannah, native of Sturgis, Miss., has accepted the position of assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Staunton, Virginia.

### SELECTED EDITORIAL (Continued from Page Four)

easier for us to sleep that night. God had been with us.

I lay awake for a long time Not that I couldn't sleep, but there some things I wanted to through. Our President has proclaimed a "D" Day when our churches will remain open for prayer on that Day of Destiny when a million young men will lay down their lives, unless a miracle saves them. The idea is good, but it does not go far enough. We need experiences like that on the train when Christian souls forget their immediate circumstances long enough to enter into the presence of the Father. A "D" day is not enough. Every day is a day of destiny for us. Every single day is fraught with the possibilities either of victory or disaster.

America has not yet been beaten to her knees. We are not ready for victory and God will not give it to us until we humble ourselves and seek His face and turn from our wicked way. As long as we go blithely along in our pleasure-mad existence, we are not worthy the opportunity of peace.

"D" Day will be too late. Let us pray NOW unceasingly. And let us undergird our prayers with righteous, courageous and faithful lives.-Baptist New Mexican.

\_\_\_\_BR-Several weeks ago a doctor told Rev. G. F. Rogers, retired Baptist minister, that climbing the church steps at the First Baptist Church at Frederick would be hard on his heart. The veteran preacher replied, "If I can't enjoy my church life, I can't enjoy living. I'd be happy to go to meet my Lord from the Lord's house on the Lord's Day." On Sunday, June 4, he attended the Sunday school He collapsed during Sunday school and died before aid could be summoned. John Hall Jones, acting pastor, was with him when he died .-Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Many of our Baptist girls from Mississippi are in Washington, D. C., in war service. A number of mothers have talked with me about the crowded living conditions there and of their anxiety over the spiritual welfare of their daughters.

A letter from Miss Evelyn Mills, director of war services in the Department of Missions of District of Columbia Baptist Convention, sent me an article from the District Bulletin which I am publishing below. She is desirous of reaching a greater number of our young people and has asked that the mothers of our state write her concerning anyone who will be going to Washington, or who has been there for sometime. She suggests that they send names and Washington addresses. Her address

> Miss Evelyn Mills, 715 Eighth Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

#### City Missions

With the addition of Mrs. Marie Briesen, member of Brookland church and long active in the Young People's work there, to our Mission staff working among the government girls, this department has been growing by leaps and bounds The following is an excerpt from the report of Mrs. Briesen, service counselor, and Miss Evelyn Mills, war service director:

"Our work is divided into three phases: that of getting the names of individuals coming to Washington, helping in the adjustment of their personal problems, which must be met before we can help them in the deepening of their spiritual lives, and enlisting them in the churches and activities of our city.

"Many of the names of these girls are secured through regular procedure through personnel channels. Through such means the confidence of all therefore is assured and maintained. Government Employee counselors are at liberty and avail themselves of the privilege of contacting us where our services can be of use to government workers, such as housing, medical needs, or any special request or emergency. We have the privilege of sending any publicity to them which will be posted on all bulletin boards in these agencies. Through our contacts with the girls, we also find that we can be of service to the employee counselor. In discovering the problems of the girls, very often we find that an adjustment in position is necessary, and the counselor is there to make that adjustment. It is very vital to build our relationship with these people now since the counseling program will be one of the permanent phases of the work after the war.

"After obtaining the names, we find that our personal work is divided into two fields, the dormitory and rooming-house. Each girl is contacted first by a personal letter with information concerning the nearest church in the community. The letter is then followed by a telephone call and a personal visit from us or one of the contact people in the churches

"After the initial contact many intangible services, impossible to report, are rendered. Our aim is to make each girl feel that she has a definite Christian friend and that the Christian fellowship found in our churches is a vital and necessary part of her life. We do many things, such as inviting small groups for dinner to our apartments, or taking them to church activities in the car. Then, of course, we seek to put before the churches the challenge of bringing these people in and of providing an adequate program to meet their needs."

### Margaret Fund Day

·This week the president of each society will receive a program to be used July 31-Margaret Fund Day. This program was planned by our State Margaret Fund Trustee, Mrs. D. R. Bowen. We are asking each society to give this program and make a small offering to the "Burney Gifts Fund."

This is the fund used in sending a uniform gift to each student for their personal use three times during the school year. This plan was adopted a few years ago, so that all would be remembered. Heretofore, some students were given too much money by friends and some were neglected. This plan assures each student of an adequate amount of spending money. Every state has a definite apportionment. A few years ago we put on a Margaret Fund Day and received enough for more than three years. With a small offering from each society, we will have a sufficient amount for several years. I know all will want to have a share.

### Y. W. A. Camp

Clarke College, Newton, July 7-12. Cost: \$7.25.

This is your invitation!

This camp program promises to be one of the best!! This list of out of state helpers will prove it to you:

Miss Mildred Cox, Brazil. Miss Martha Franks, China.

Mrs. H. P. McCormick, Africa.

Miss Olelah Mae Cornell, Indians,

I want each of yout to have the privilege of knowing these missionary friends.

Clarke College property is being improved and repaired to make us comfortable. We are seeking to do everything possible to make this camp a real contribution to the lives of all who come and through them to

### Last Call to Intermediate Girls Intermediate girls 13-16 years of

Cost \$6.00.

This is your final announcement about your camp. As you already know-we are having two periods this year (because our camp has grown too large in one period), Clarke College, Newton, Miss.

July 4-7-Districts 1 and 6. This includes the following counties-Copiah, Hinds-Warren, Holmes, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Yazoo-Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Scott and Smith.

July 12-15—All the rest of the state. Registration begins-9 a. m., opening day. .

Camp closes after lunch last day of camp:

BRING: Bible, G. A. Manual, Arm Band, White Dress (if Lady-in-Waiting or Princess), party dress if Queen, Queen with Scepter or Queen Regent, 40c for Mission Study Book, sheet, pillow (if desired), towels, toilet articles, bathing suit.

SEND: Names of those planning to attend and \$1.00 (this is part of the \$6.00 for each) NOT LATER THAN five days before camp (state which period you plan to attend) to:

Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss. \_\_\_BR\_\_\_

### A MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

(Editor's Note: The following article is the frist of two which will be printed to express what some of the younger ministers are thinking in our state. It is printed by request.)

There are scores of graduates of Baptist colleges in Mississippi who would rather pursue Christian University training in our state than anywhere else. Ministers, school adminislators, teachers, returning service men and many others. Particularly, may I emphasize the following group -a large number of preachers and religious workers who sense the changing trend of our time, and desire special training in Psychology, Sociology, Religious Literature, Educational Trends and Economics. They desire this training, not as a substitute for Seminary training, but supplementary to it. Not only is there a crying need for this type of work in our state, but also Baptist churches are beginning to demand in their pastors and religious workers; and public schools, junior and senior colleges in their teachers of Bible-a versatility and practicality found not too often in Seminary courses nor in the basic curriculum of our Christian colleges.

Either one or both of our Baptist colleges: Mississippi College and Blue Mountain, could take a scholastic breath and expand into a university. Why at least one of these hasn't become a higher educational institution has long been a "Hush! Hush; Now my son," or better still "Your-Spiritual - Peers - Consider - the - Presenceof - Your - Inquisitive -Nose-a-Reflection - on - Our - Complacent - Intelligence" attitude.

If Christian Education is an important means whereby we might do a greater work for our Lord-if our Baptist colleges and junior colleges are the result of deep breathing in order to meet this felt need-why must we so contentedly and so breatheasily sit silently on the laurels of our past accomplishments when so great a need of furtherance of this Christian training confronts us?-Riley Munday.

### DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR July 1944

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Mississippi Baptists Owe no More

-November first, 1944. Brotherhoods Stressed.

Sunday Schools-

Vacation Bible Schools; Rural Training Program; Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest.

W. M. U .- Camps for Young People.

B. T. U .-

Ridgecrest Assembly (three weeks-July 19-August 8). Special summer work in rural churches begins. Associational Executive Committee Meetings.

### DR. W. T. LOWREY, PEACEMAKER A Tribute. By M. R. Cooper, Richmond, Virginia

The news of the death of Dr. Lowrey brings back an incident that ranks him a peacemaker and a preacher of extraordinary ability. I spent the month of January, 1903, in Blue Mountain. At that time Dr. W. T. Lowrey was president of Mississippi College at Clinton, and Dr. B. G. Lowrey was president of Blue Mountain College. Serious difficulty arose in the little town between Blue Mountain College and another school, that disturbed the peace of that fine old town. The faculty of the Blue Mountain College had meetings almost daily, publishing a daily sheet of facts to justify what they had said and done. Things grew from bad to worse; and when all other efforts failed, at the suggestion of the late Mother Berry, a telegram was sent on Saturday to Dr. W. T. Lowrey to come at once. He came on Sunday morning on a train that arrived only a few moments before time to preach. The news had been spread that Dr. W. T. Lowrey would preach, and people packed the auditorium to its doors. He took Philippians 2:1-8 as his text, and preached for one hour and six minutes. There were very few eyes that were not wet with tears. The parties who were at variance were present. When the congregation was dismissed, everybody was shaking hands with the preacher. The key man waited as long as his patience would let him; and was about to go when Dr. Lowrey called him back. He had graduated under Dr. Lowrey, and was willing to do anything that Dr. Lowrey asked him to do. The trouble was all settled in about ten minutes. Dr. Lowrey took the afternoon train back to Clinton, and tranquility once more prevailed in that lovely little mountain town.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

### GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

# County Line Church Number Four Is In County Line Church, Rankin County Is Number 740

The church name, County Line seems to be popular in Mississippi We do not know just how many County Line churches there are but we do know that four County Line churches have the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. County Line church in Rankin county, Homer Ainsworth, pastor, is the fourth County Line church to be added to the list of churches having the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. Other County Line churches with the EVERY FAMILY Plan are in Copiah, Jones and Wayne counties.

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### Union Church Sends EVERY FAMILY List

Perry County Church is No. 738
Recently Mrs. Julius Hinton of
Union church, Perry county, sent us
a nice list and stated that the church
had adopted the EVERY FAMILY
Plan. More and more Mississippi
churches are realizing the value of
this popular and progressive plan and
making it a part of their program.

Perry county now has Record readers listed as follows: Good Hope 8; JANICE 19; McLAIN 44; NEW AUGUSTA 54; PROSPECT 19; RUNNELSTOWN 49; RICHTON 72; UNION 30; Indian Hill 5, and SEMINARY 12.

### Small Church Adopts EF Plan

Although one of the smallest churches in the state, Midway church (Clinton Boulevard, near Jackson) has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Pastor W. S. Landrum having had experience in other churches with the EVERY FAMILY Plan made this one of his first objectives.

Hinds county now has Record readers as follows: MIDWAY 4; BETHESDA 48; BOLTON 23; Byram 1; CALVARY 855; CHAPEL HILL 22; CLINTON 147; DANIEL 34; DAVIS MEMORIAL 97; Edwards 3; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 354; JACKSON FIRST 460; LEARNED 13; NORTH SIDE JACKSON 106; PALESTINE 11; PARKWAY 177; POCAHONTAS 21; RAYMOND 62; SOUTH SIDE JACKSON 53; UTICA 63; NEW HAVEN 22; MT. MORGAN 16; VAN WINKLE 103; TERRY 50; SALEM 31 and SIWELL 16.

### New Church Sends List

Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes sends in a new list from a new Baptist church in Bolivar county. The

church is named Centerfield. Brother Estes writes that they are meeting in a vacant negro cabin and that in the recent meeting there were 26 additions—13 by baptism. He also organized a Training Union.

Speaking of the good work of Mrs. Myrtle McKnight, Brother Estes says she is doing a wonderful mission work among many churces in the section. She will work with Brother E. C. Williams in Vacation Bible schools during the summer.

Bolivar county now has Record readers listed as follows. CENTER-FIELD 5; Benoit 1; BOYLE 68; CLEVELAND 174; DUNCAN 30; GUNNISON 15; INTERSTATE 30; MERIGOLD 36; MORRISON CHAPEL 26; Pace 8; Providence 3; ROSEDALE 46; SHADY GROVE 12; Shaw 8; SHELBY 65; SKENE 40; Stringtown 1; WAXHAW 13; BOLIVAR MISSION 26; MISSION POINT 30, and ROCHDALE 12.

### O'Tuckulofa Is Number 741 Men In Armed Service Included

O'Tuckulofa church, Yalobusha county, not only has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan but will send The Baptist Record to all members in the armed service.

W. M. Blount, church reporter, writes as follows: "O'Tuckulofa church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This is the first time we ever took it. We are also sending The Baptist Record to the boys in the armed forces."

Yalobusha county's Record readers are now listed as follows: COFFEE-VILLE 58; NEW HOPE 13; Oak Grove 1; OAKLAND 12; Pilgrim's Rest 7; SCOBEY 22; SYLVARENA 14; Tillatoba 3; Water Valley 21; Wayside 2; SPRING HILL 28; CAMP GROUND 39; Ropewell 4; DIVIDING RIDGE 28, and O'TUCKULOFA 33.

### MRS. P. H. EAGER PASSES

Mrs. Mary Whitfield Eager passed away at her home in Clinton Sunday morning, June 18. She was the widow of Professor P. H. Eager, Sr., for many years head of the Department of English in Mississippi College. She came of a family of culture, ability, and with a record of fine service to the state and to the kingdom of God. She was for fifty years a member of the church at Clinton and one of the most loyal and helpful members this church ever had. Her mind was exceedingly active, and when in good health was faithful in all the worship and work of her church. To her husband she was a faithful helpmate. To her children she was an inspiration. She reached the ripe age of 84, and was given an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom. Her children who survive are P. H. Eager of Jackson, A. W. Eager of Clinton, Mrs. Chas. D. Johnson of Waco, Texas, and Miss Annie Laurie Eager of

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—
The theory that even a clumsy lie may make good propaganda appears to have gained new converts among Quisling church authorities in occupied Norway. A statement that the printing of the Bible in the United States has been stopped because of war rationing recently appeared in the bulletin of the Nazi-dominated church department under the signature of Under-Secretary Sigmund Feyling.

### NORTHERN BAPTISTS ACT TO HEAL SPLIT

Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—Differences between fundamental and liberal groups in the Northern Baptist Convention over two sharply-debated issues—the conduct of foreign missions, and the program to be offered at the new national summer conference property—were resolved, temporarily at least, by action of the annual meeting here.

A showdown in the foreign missions controversy was averted when it was voted to establish a joint committee which will attempt to close the threatened split with Baptist ranks. The body will consist of three members of the official American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, three from the dissident Conservative Foreign Mission Society, and three named by Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, president of the Convention.

The Conservative Society was formed last December in protest against an alleged tendency on the part of the ABFMS to "depart from conservative and evangelical policies" in the selection of administrative secretaries and the appointment of missionaries.

Convention action was taken on recommendation of the Committee on Conference and Cooperative Unity, named by the General Council to study the problem, after a strong plea for unity by its chairman, Dr. William C. Coleman, of Wichita, Kans. His report said the official board had disavowed the so-called "inclusive policy" under which appointees were selected who were not in accord with the established evangelistic position of the church.

The fundamental-liberal elements clashed again in considering the Northern Baptist Assembly, a 1,070-acre estate at Green Lake, Wisc., purchased last December for \$300,000. However, the project received overwhelming approval in the adoption of the 1944-45 Convention budget, amounting to more than \$5,000,000. It included \$225,000 for the balance of the site's purchase price, and an additional \$30,000 for maintenance of the assembly.

Dr. G. Pitt Beers, executive secretary of the Home Mission Society, warned the Convention that the Assembly's success or fallure would be determined by the type of program offered. "It must be realized," he said, "that the Northern Baptist Convention is still overwhelmingly conservative and unless the program is based on the true teachings, the Assembly will become a constant source of friction."

Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, one of the Assembly directors, said it provided a spiritual gathering place for students of 568 colleges in the Northern Baptist area where the only contact with the young people at present is through the local Baptist church on the campus. If the churches did not provide such camps, he asserted, the government would do so, opening the way for totalitarian rule.

Dr. F. M. Barnes, Executive Secretary for Alabama Baptists, writes that Dr. Leon Macon, who comes from Alabama to First Baptist Church, West Point, Mississippi, is one of their very best men. He gently chides Mississippi for taking so many of their good preachers. If we recall correctly, they have some mighty fine ones from Mississippi.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

Lewis R. Morris, Greenville, Ga. N. C. Clifton, Beaver Dam church, Carrisville, Va.

Chas. W. Jennings, First, DeSoto, Missouri.

John Jeffers, First, Collinsville, Ala. F. E. Swanner, First, Levelland, Tex. W. R. Taylor, Hamilton church,

T. L. Heath, Mt. Hill church, RFD, Chipley, Ga.

McKinley Norman, 651 Gaston Ave., Dallas, Tex., from State Convention evangelist to general evangelist.

H. H. Henry, First, Rocky Hill, S. C. Maynard L. Campbell, Balco church, Fla.

Russell Ware, Emmanuel, Albu-querque, N. M.

Carlisle Marney, Beaver Dam, Ky. C. Vernon Cochran, Sistersville, W. Va.

Chas. P. Burchette, Jr., Brookland, Washington, D. C.

W. R. Mize, Lone Pine, Louisiana Association, Fla.

Ernest Scott, Collinston, La. H. E. Kirkpatrick, evangelistic

H. E. Kirkpatrick, evangelistic field, Hot Springs, Ark.

Melvin Rice, Plain Dealing, La. D. D. Cantrell, Waterproof, La. Cecil Abbott, Bethel, Little Rock,

V. E. Defreece, missionary of Little River Association, Fla.

B. K. Selph, Gambrell Street, Fort Worth, Tex.

Silbey Wallis, First, Clarksville, Ky. Ottis E. Denney, missionary, Hope Association, Fla.

W. R. Richey, Pilgrims Rest and Sulphur Rock churches, Bethesda, Ark.

William J. Fallis, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Jesse E. Knight, Providence and Antioch churches, Florida Association, Fla.

T. A. Coleman, Sulphur Springs church, St. Clair Association, Trunville, Ala.

### Resigned

J. Cecil Jones, First, Williamson, W. Va.

Chase W. Jennings, East church, Louisville, Ky.

Elbert C. Harris, Hixson, Tenn. Bradley Allison, First, Childers,

Tex., to become general evangelist. Chas. P. Burchette, Jr., East church, Gastonia, N. C.

T. A. Coleman, Five Points church, Sylacanga, Ga.

### O. Y. CONN

In the early morning of April 27, 1944, God in His wisdom saw fit to call home a brother, Mr. O. Y. Conn, from his never tiring work in God's service. Mr. Conn was a deacon of the Sharon Baptist Church since it was organized in 1923, and was Sunday school superintendent for many years. Besides his church work, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge. For one year he had been in failing health and for the last month was confined to his bed. With great fortitude he bore his afflictions and sought to make his life a blessing to the many friends who visited him during his illness. Perhaps one of the largest floral offerings ever given in this community and one of the largest attendance at the funeral was evidence of the many friends he left behind. We commend the family to Him who said: "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord." We shall meet him again in the sweet bye and bye:-Rev. J. M. Edwards and members of the Sharon Baptist Church.

### HE WORLD

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board - E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION 

Dr. George W. Sadler, who returned recently from a visit to Nigeria, West Africa, the second oldest mission field of Southern Baptists, tells a thrilling story concerning the developments in Africa. At the close of this war we shall have a new Africa, emerging from the contacts and conflicts of the World War. In two services which Dr. Sadler held at the Baptist Academy in Lagos, there were fifty-two professions of faith, forty-two of them being Moslems, or representatives of Mohammedan homes. There are between 600 and 700 patients in the various leper clinics in Nigeria, the largest being in Ogbomosho Leper Hospital. In that leper colony there is a full time Baptist church of which every member, except the pastor, is a leper. Many patients in this institution have received certificates from the physicians advising that their disease was "arrested" and they were permitted to go back to their homes and their friends. The schools and hospitals in Nigeria are our greatest evangelistic opportunities.

At the recent meeting of the Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain, marked advances were reported, showing an enrollment of 250 volunteers, with an increase in contributions from church and individuals of more than 18,000 pounds sterling over the previous year. In three years of war, contributions have advanced by 30,000 pounds sterling. A marked increase in income made it unnecessary to draw further last year on the balance of the fund so generously raised by American Baptists in 1940. However, greater demands in the future are anticipated on account of increased living costs and enlarged missionary opportunities following the war. We rejoice in the success of British Baptists in raising a special fund of more than 150,000 guineas and bringing to a triumphant conclusion the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of that great missionary society which sent out William Carey.

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Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, of which Dr. W. S. Allen is president, at its recent commencement conferred on Dr. Charles E. Maddry the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Dr. Maddry preached the baccalaureate sermon this year. A few days previous to that time, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, had conferred on Dr. M. T. Rankin the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Another beloved member of our foreign mission family, Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., for many years our honored representative in Europe, received from Wake Forest the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. An interesting feature of this commencement was the awarding of the A. B. degree by Wake Forest, to the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, Sr., Mrs. J. B. (Mary Elizabeth) Sims, whose husband is a chaplain in the armed services. Mrs. Sims had completed most of her academic work a number of years ago.

We are grieved recently to receive the tidings of the Home-going of Dr. J. E. Davis, who was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board forty

years ago to take charge of the Mex- head." ican Baptist Publishing House for tracts, books, and Sunday school literature for all of our Spanish speaking missions. God richly blessed his ministry in enabling him to send the gospel message to all parts of Latin America. For many years he was editor of Expositor Biblico which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with the first number of 1943. Shortly after his retirement, April 1 of last year, when Rev. F. W. Patterson was elected his successor, we had a good letter from Missionary Davis who wrote: "I am seventy, yet I am now in splendid health and doing more and better work than ever." He had a special word for his dear friend and brother, John W. Lowe, concerning whom he wrote: "We were in college together and he had a great deal to do with getting me straightened out as to my calling of God to give my life to missions."

A recent bulletin from the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, U. S. A., tells an interesting story of a new translation of the New Testament into the language of the Quiche Indians in Guatemala. Their language had never before been reduced to writing. Continuous reading of the New Testament in their language was arranged, the Indians came to church with their families, listened fully for two or three hours and then went out again, while others took their places. After thirty-six hours, the labor of love was ended and the Quiche Indians could be certain that the Christian Book was at last really theirs. One young Indian came in after midnight, listened quietly for more than two hours, then arose and asked the missionary to follow him into the street and the Indian said to the missionary, "As I sat there listening to the voice of the young man who read the Word of God, I heard a voice within me say, 'Why are you not a young man like the one who is reading?' If I can be, tell me how." Then the two knelt on the deserted avenue and the missionary had the joyful privilege of leading the Indian to Christ.

President Walter P. Binns, of William Jewell College, announced at the recent commencement a gift of 100,000 by Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Semple of Cincinnati as a part of the Centennial Campaign Fund. This will initiate an endowment of the Department of Classics at William Jewell in honor of Dr. Semple's father, Robert Baylor Semple, who was for many years professor of classics at William Jewell. Dr. Semple is a member of the Board of Trustees of William Jewell and is the general director of the University of Cincinnati excavations on the site of ancient

Word comes from China that every Christian church in Japanese controlled China is still functioning. In Korea, some four thousand congregations find some way to worship God every Sunday. "Every Christian educational institution in China has invariably a Chinese national as its

The New York Times carries a story that has come out of the Southwest Pacific, concerning the heroism of an American airman who, wounded and facing death as his crippled bomber plunged toward the sea, read from his pocket Bible to his wounded and dying mates.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adair, Miss Isabella Moore, and Dr. H. D. McCamey have recently arrived in the United States from Nigeria, West Africa. Miss Hattie Stallings has come home from Free China.

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Missionaries returning to their respective fields in June are: Mrs. J. C. Pool (with two little daughters, Frances and Carolyn), Ogbomosho, Nigeria, West Africa (Dr. Pool, principal of the Seminary, had returned to Ogbomosho last fall); Mr. H. P. McCormick, Iwo, Nigeria; Miss Kathleen Manley, Ogbomosho, Nigeria; Miss Lena Lair, Iwo, Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bice, Maceio, North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. John Mein, Pernambuco, Brazil, and Miss Letha Saunders, Rio de Janeiro, South

Miss Alice Parker, one of our most faithful missionaries of other years, passed away June 3 in Roanoke, Virginia. She was appointed in May, 1899. The desire for missionary service came in her early childhood.

Here is an interesting paragraph in a letter from Edgar and Zelma Hallock, Rio de Janeiro, concerning their little daughter: "One of the most interesting things for us is the way Virjama talks two languages. We tell her things in English for her to tell someone else, and she will run tell the other person in Portuguese. She usually talks English with us, but plays with other children in Portuguese. So, when she wants to play with us she often talks Portuguese. She had never said her prayers in that language, but the other day we heard her teaching her doll to pray in Portuguese. Her singing is in that language, too, because that is what she hears most of the time."

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We quote from a letter of Stephen Jackson, State of Minas Geraes: "Previous to going to the Vale do Rio Doce Association I had two interesting trips in opposite directions in my vast field. Riding under a tarpaulin on top of a truck for two days I reached a northern railway point where I took a train for my destination some 300 miles from home where there is a group of church members. We had several happy days together, riding horseback from one place to the other, and preaching in their homes. Many manifested their interest in accepting and following Christ. Before setting out on this trip a letter had come urgently requesting me to come to another needy place to examine and baptize some candidates long awaiting baptism. This was a long horseback trip full of adventures. Accompanied by a Baptist deacon, we rode over the mountains, through swamps and across

rivers to the first stop on our trip. As soon as we arrived the people sent word, calling the interested to a service that night. After the service, we called the members there residing together and heard the testimonies and examined the candidates who awaited baptism, approving three. Next morning early we dug a deep pool in a shallow stream nearby and at about 10:00 a. m. we baptized the three before a crowd of some 300. most of whom had never seen a baptismal service. After eating dinner we climbed up and up over a ridge to our next destination. The community here nestled among the mountains and peaks greatly reminded me of the Mountain Grove community in Rabun county, Georgia. That night a terrific rain and electric storm struck us, lifted shingles off the roof, making it necessary to protect our beds with raincoats and umbrellas. I was almost sure roads would be such that our crowd would be very small the next morning. Though it was necessary to wade through much water to reach the church, the people turned out in a body and we had a fine service and Sunday school. Candidates were examined for baptism and eight were approved. Going about a league to the place for baptism we found a beautiful natural rock pool in a woodland setting where the eight were baptized in a very impressive service and the twilight settled. Returning the people sang hymns and it was very beautiful to hear their voices ringing through the forest and over the field as they scattered to their

### -BR-BENTONIA REPORTS PROGRESS

The fourth Sunday in June marks the close of twelve months of the most happy and fruitful service in all my ministry. The spiritual life of our people has been deepening and growing, the interest in the Lord's work is steadily increasing. We have a good Sunday school under the efficient and able leadership of Deacon O. M. Cooper, superintendent of the Bentonia school. He has recently equipped the senior department, putting in sliding doors and furniture, and five spiritual teachers.

We also have a live W. M. S. with fifteen active members who promote the programs of our church and stimulate the missionary interest of our church program.

The church has installed a butane gas system, thus making the church comfortable through the winter.

Our church is strongly behind Dr. McCall and our cooperative work, including Editor A. L. Goodrich and The Baptist Record. Every family in our church gets the Record and reads it.

We have just closed a five day revival with sound gospel preaching by Rev. J. J. Burson, pastor at Shelby for 13 years, and Rev. W. L. Cooper, a missionary under our Foreign Mission Board in Argentina led the singing. These men know the Lord and live the gospel. There were ten additions. We have our envelopes for the special offering now in the hands of the members. This will be turned in the fourth Sunday in this month.-R. A. Eddleman, pastor.

-BR-Tylertown Baptist Church, Walthall Association, sends in a nice offering of \$698.00 on Now Club pledges. This will help greatly in paying up the Baptist debt. Dr. W. R. Cooper is the beloved pastor at Tylertown.

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### SOLDIER SAYS MISSIONS TO ISLANDS OF THE SEA NOT IN VAIN AS NATIVES BEFRIEND OUR BOYS

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boys who are Christians are trying to
do missionary work with them. I can
see where our mission work back
home has not been in vain. We
should do more for the natives. . . .
I have received The Baptist Record
and read it all. Then gave it to the
chaplain and he enjoyed it. I was
proud to get it."

In other letters home Pfc. Smith has urged his people to tithe, and to take advantage of attending worship services every Sunday.

### ODLE AND LOVE LEAD JACKSON REVIVAL

Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, closed on June 14th, one of the most successful revivals in the history of the church. Joe T. Odle, pastor of Crystal Springs Baptist Church, did the preaching and Henry Love, pastor's assistant of the First Baptist Church Jackson, led the music.

Rev. Odle is a comparative stranger to Mississippi Baptists, having only been in our state for some fifteen months. He is a product of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and came to Crystal Springs from Paducah, Ky., where he had been pastor for several years. He gripped the hearts of our people from the first sermon. He is a Bible preacher—standing with his Bible in hand, he does not often quote, but reads from the word, proofs of every statement.

Henry Love is no stranger to Mississippi Baptists and to Jackson Baptists in particular. Henry is a splendid song leader. He knows how to get people to sing, knows how to select fitting songs for the message and stirs your soul with a solo. These men make a great team and we consider any church fortunate in securing the services of either one.

The visible results of the meeting were fifty-one received, thirty-eight for baptism. We feel like saying, "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul."—A. Sidney Johnston, pastor.

# PRESIDENT NELSON AWARDS COLLEGE PRIZES AND MEDALS

President D. M. Nelson awarded the following prizes and medals at Mississippi College on Monday evening, June 19. The Wallace Medal for the best Sophomore Declamation, James Burton Riley of Hattiesburg; the Trotter Medal, for the best original oration by a Junior, David Caul, Columbia; the Nelson Medal, for the best original oration by a Senior, Herbert Herrington, Clinton; Sumrall Scholarship to the one making the highest class honor, Robert Swain Trotter, Jr., Columbus; the Aven Scholarship given by the W. M. U. to the most promising ministerial student, L. C. Hoff.

Pontotoc: Our V. B. S. enrollment was 116 with an average attendance of 84. The boys and girls decided that the worship offering which amounted to \$12.59 should be given to the Cooperative Program.—Reporter. (Editor's note: The Cooperative Program is a worthy object for such offerings. In that way they are giving to all causes.)

The many Mississippi friends of David Byrd will be glad to read the following lines from a recent issue of the Western Recorder, of Kentucky: "Pastor David Byrd of Calvary church, Harrodsburg, led Soverns Valley church of Elizabethtown in a Your Revival beginning June 4 with Pastor Joe Allman of Cornishville leading the singing. Both men are from Mississippi and are now students in the Southern Seminary." David was an outstanding student at

Mississippi College and is in the same

class at the Seminary at Louisville.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Mrs. Martin J. Gilbert, Arcola; Miss Katherine Williams, Utica; Miss Kathleen Bugli, Pinola; Miss Mary Bess McFatridge, Plantersville; Miss Beatrice Halley, Ovett; Miss Ada Mullins, New Hebron; Miss Lucy Jane Garland, Pickens; Miss Edith Sue Williams, Memphis; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Leland; Rev. H. W. Shirley, Carthage; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Phialdelphia; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Rev. A. P. Wells, Clinton; Rev. J. S. Riser, Jr., Memphis; Rev. Curtis Askew, Merigold.

### CLEVELAND CHURCH GROUPS HOLD FELLOWSHIP SESSION

By Religious News Service

Cleveland, O.—Two major streams of the Protestant Reformation will be united in the proposed merger of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

This was the declaration here of Dr. Wilhelm Pauck of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago at a joint meeting of the Congregational Union of Cleveland and the Evangelical and Reformed Council of Churches of Cleveland.

For the first time in the history of the city the two bodies held a fellowship session in connection with the national program for cooperative endeavor.

Dr. Pauck, a member of the National Congregational Committee looking toward a merger, was one speaker and the other was Dr. George W. Richards of Lancaster, Pa., vice-president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and chairman of the Evangelical and Reformed Com-

### CHURCHES URGED TO ASSUME LEAD IN JUVENILE WORK

At the second annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, R. T. Harbo, inspector under the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told a large audience at Memorial Hall of conditions at the present time in our country and of the reasons for the crime wave now exercising religious and educational leaders of the country. He traced it to a lack of real home fife, discipline in the home, church attendance and proper playground and other recreational facilities. He urged church leaders to assume responsibility for a careful investigation of law enforcement agencies, recreational and social service facilities, truancy in school due to shifts in population, but most of all, for developing a consciousness among adults of the need for respect for law and moral standards.

mission on merger.

The combined assembly followed a Sunday program in which ministers of the two denominations in the Greater Cleveland area exchanges pulpits.



I DIDN'T ASK to come out here—
to live in mud and filth—to sleep
on the ground with cold and hunger—to shoot
at and be shot!

"I did know that you folks back home were depending upon me to do a job for you—to rid the earth of those hateful forces trying to destroy our way of life. I believed in that. I believed in you. That's why I'm dying.

"It's too late to help me now, but you can show that you believed in me, too. Then I'll know I'm not dying in vain."



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# Baptist Training Union.

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AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

Introducing Miss Nella Dean Mitchell of Louisville, Miss. Miss Mitchell comes to the Training Union Department to serve as office secretary, also



giving some time to special deputation duty on the field. She will be available for week-end engagements for associational meetings, special conferences with associational officers, and also for conferences with leaders and officers of individual unions. She will be able to serve in "stepped up" study courses which can be conducted over the week-end. Miss Mitchell has worked with us several summers, and has proved her qualities. She received her B. A. degree from Blue Mountain College May 29th, and began her work with us June 11th, her first assignment being work with the Intermediate and Junior Unions at Newton for the week of June 11-15. We hope to be able to serve our constituency more faithfully now since we will have someone in the office most of the time. We consider ourselves fortunate in having Miss Mitchel las a member of our Training Union force. She is deeply

consecrated, has a passion for souls, has a deep appreciation of all denominational work and will be a blessing wherever she goes.

Has your church had a part in the June special offering for ridding Mississippi Baptists of bonded indebtedness? You still have more than a week. You still have another Sunday. You will feel better as an individual, as a church if you have a part. This is not for town churches only, every country church should have the thrill that comes through cooperation.

Our summer program begins July 1st. We will have about ten special workers helping with the program. These will come together for a two-day clinic in which we will go over plans in detail. The clinic will be held at the Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss., June 29-30. Saturday, July 1st, these workers will go out to the association in which they will work for five weeks. We will use The Baptist Training Union Manual as the text book for the class of our fifteen conventions.

work at night, during the day the leaders will be enlisted and trained. You can help a lot as you pray for the work, encourage the workers, and if one of them is working in your church, cooperate to the fullest.

Winston County Holds Successful Meeting

Sunday afternoon, May 28th, marked a helpful day for Winston County Training Union members. A splendid group from five churches gathered and enjoyed an interesting program. One of the main features of the meeting was completing plans for their summer program. This program includes special work in some eight churches, most of whom do not now have a Training Union. A special worker will help in the teaching and organization of new unions. Miss Louise Hill of the Training Union Department presided over the meeting and reports a fine spirit and keen interest.

An Appreciation, and Thanks to the Pastors Who Made it Possible We have a word from Dr. Clay I. Hudson, who was with us on the tour of the pastors' conferences the first of May. He spoke this same word to us personally and it is from his heart. I pass it on to the pastors that they may know they had a part in making these meetings meaningful. Quoting Dr. Hudson, "In so far as I can recall, this gave me the best opportunity for service I have had in your state, or in any of the states, since I have been with the Sunday School Board." We all appreciated the fine spirit of our pastors, and feel that through them we can work to a greater advantage than ever

At this writing the first week of the District Conventions have been held. Space does not allow a full report on these, but every one was a most helpful meeting. The attendance was satisfactory in every case. As large as could be expected considering everything, the busy farmers, Vacation Bible schools, camps for boys and girls, etc. All of these are essential and we are for them all. Our conventions have a distinctive place in our denominational life, established nearly 25 years ago, and have been the most influential emphasis we have given to our Training Union work. The meeting places for these five conventions already held has been set for 1945 and we begin now planning for those meetings. Let all leaders begin NOW to emphasize the "Bible Story telling," Junior Memory Work, Intermediate Sword Drill, Young People's Better Speaking. These are all highlights in these District Conventions, and also in our State Training Union Convention. Soon we will give a fuller report

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST PROGRESS

1919-1944

Southern Baptists have gone a long way since 1919, when they met after World War I.

-E. P. Alldredge, Statistical Secretary.

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Items	1919	1944	Gains		
Associations	925*	921	Loss 4		
Churches	24,851*	25,790	939		
Ordained Ministers	16,155**	23,311	7,156		
Baptisms	113,833	202,301	88,468		
Church Members	2,887,428*	5,493,027	2,605,599		
Sunday schools	17,648*	24,503	6.855		
S. S. Enrollment	1,759,208*	3,332,978	1,573,770		
B. T. U. Organizations	7,412	49,200	41,788		
B. T. U. Enrollment	236,211	777,732	541,521		
W. M. U. Organizations	15,014	38,695	23,681		
W. M. U. Contributions \$	624,546	\$ 4,673,455	\$ 4,048,909		
Church PropertyS	69,974,092	\$248,168,495	\$178,194,403		
Gifts to Local Work Gifts to Missions and	12,941,824	49,611,443	36,669,619		
Benevolences	4,911,105	13,455,640	8,544,535		
Total Contributions	17,852,929	\$ 63,067,083	\$ 45,214,154		
Baptists in U. S. A.	7,822,852	11,759,599	3,936,747		
Baptists in World	8,181,850	13,314,620	5,132,770		

\*-Numbers so marked include B. M. A's in Texas and Arkansas, counted with us until 1926.

\*\*-Estimated, since Dr. Lansing Burroughs listed only the active pastors.

NOTE: The above figures furnished by Dr. Alldredge present a picture of tremendous growth on the part of Southern Baptists and in every department of our work. Mississippi Baptists have had a good share in this growth.

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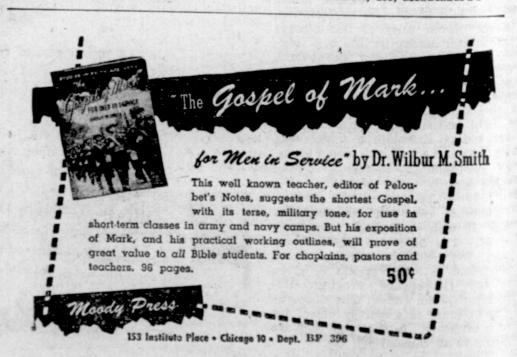
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# Sunday School Department

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#### The Last Call

Next Sunday, June 25, will be the closing Sunday of June, the month for the special Victory Offering for the Now Club to get Mississippi Baptists out of debt.

Of course, this special Victory Offering extends through the entire month of June, but the big days are the Sundays. Therefore, let's make next Sunday, the last one in June, the biggest day Mississippi Baptists have ever had in one special offering. Let's go "over the top" in a great way.

We sincerely hope that every Sunday school superintendent in the entire state will cooperate to the very fullest extent in helping to make this June Victory Offering the last call for debt paying in Mississippi by making the offering so large that we will have ample funds to pay off all we owe.

### Attention Intermediate Workers!

All teachers and superintendents of Standard Intermediate classes and departments will be given recognition at Ridgecrest. A special service is planned for Friday morning for each of the two Sunday school weeks.

Please check your class, or department, and if all requirements have been reached, rush your application for standard award to us immediately.

There are a number of classes and several departments that should get in their applications in time for this Ridgecrest recognition.

### Worship Every Sunday

"The writer is favorably impressed," says Rev. F. G. Wilborn, pastor of the Rocky Creek Baptist Church, George Association, "with the plan launched recently by Brother J. N. Barnette of the Sunday School Board for promoting every Sunday worship among the part time churches. This is scriptural and practical

"Recently it was our privilege," says Brother Wilborn, "to visit a half time rural church for a few days' revival services. We proposed the plan to them. This good church, although small in membership and loacted in a sparsely settled rural section, eagerly adopted the plan. The pastor has since told me that it really works and the people like it. In my humble judgment no more constructive work could be done among hundreds of rural churches this summer by the pastors as they go out to help in revival meetings than to explain this plan and lead these part time churches to adopt it and set this program in action. A similar program might be worked out by the Training Union department for night services also."

Yes, indeed, it would be a glorious thing if every part time church would begin this summer the plan of having worship services every Sunday. A leaflet explaining this simple, practical plan will be gladly sent to any one on request.

### Bible Service in 1943

During 1943 the American Bible Society distributed 2,645,879 New Testaments in the United States; distributed to the armed forces 48,193 Bibles, 1,820,733 Testaments, and 364,880 Gospel portions; furnished over 40,000 New Testaments for life

boats, life rafts, etc.; put in process, published, and issued 12,277,387 volumes of Scripture; issued Scriptures for distribution in Europe and America in 38 languages for prisoners of war; distributed 9,070 volumes and talking-book records for the blind; received from all sources for its War Emergency Fund \$298,963, and yet had to leave unmet more opportunities for world-wide Scripture distribution than for any previous year.

Christian people will rejoice at every opportunity for giving the Bible to any people because of what it means in their lives. The chief function of a Sunday school is that of teaching the Word to all people. May its opportunities for such service be increased yet more and more.

### Vacation Bible Schools

June is the month for the largest number of Vacation Bible schools. The great majority of these schools in the town and city churches will be held during June. Several were held during May, and most of the rural schools will come during July and August. Thus, these four summer months are the ones for giving our boys and girls the advantages that come through the agency of the Vacation Bible school.

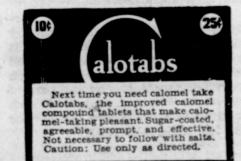
Many schools have already sent in their reports. We have been pleased at the completeness of these reports, as well as the promptness in sending them. We hope that pastors, principals, etc., will see to it that the report of the school is sent within a very few days after the school closes, while all the records are available and the work fresh in the mind of the leader. One good way to help in this is for the principal to be sure and check with the secretary to see that the report is sent. If you do not have a blank, we shall gladly send one on request.

### Conversions

As usual, we are noting also this year a number of professions of faith in the Vacation Bible schools. Two intermediate girls confessed Christ recently in one school, four boys and girls in another school, seven in another, one in another, 18 in another, and so it goes.

The Vacation school gives an unparalleled opportunity for teaching our boys and girls the Bible during the week days as well as affording another wonderful avenue for winning them to Christ.

Several associations have as their goal a Vacation Bible school in every church this summer, Lauderdale, Jones and Deer Creek are ones that we know of with this objective, and there may be others. We sincerely hope that every pastor will make plans yet to have a Vacation Bible school in every church he serves. The boys and girls like it.



# PROMOTING BAPTIST DEMOCRACY H. W. Provence, Greenville, S. C.

Reading a number of accounts of the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, I have been gratified to observe the emphasis upon the democratic nature of that meeting, as evidenced especially by the free discussion that took place. Certainly everyone interested in the preservation of democracy ought to be interested also in freedom of discussion, for without this freedom there can be no real democracy. One prominent speaker at the Convention deplored the present widespread tendency toward totalitarianism This tendency is manifest in both religious and political affairs. Now the method of totalitarianism is to suppress free discussion, but the method of democracy is to encourage it. One can easily understand, therefore, the expressions of gratification over the democratic nature of the meeting in

At the same time it is well to bear in mind that some important matters could not receive full and free discussion because of lack of time. Some of the matters were simply too big to be adequately handled in the limited time available in one session of the Convention.

It is well to bear in mind also that no meeting of the Convention can be sufficient for the expression of the views of Southern Baptists on controversial questions. For every messenger at the Convention there were more than a thousand Southern Baptists who were not present, and who therefore could not hear the arguments pro and con, nor have any vital part in the decisions reached by the Convention. If we are to promote real democracy among the more than five million Southern Baptists, it seems to me that we must devise some method for giving our people at large a better opportunity to share in the deliberations of the denomination, so that messengers to the Convention may be better able to represent the views of the rank and file as well as those of the leaders. I venture to suggest one

plan that might be useful.

Let all committees of the Convention that expect to make recommendations which involve any changes in Convention procedure or denominational policies formulate their recommendations and have them published in the Baptist papers throughout the South in time for them to be discussed by both editors and contributors before the meetings of the state conventions. Then let the several state conventions consider these recommendations and express their views. Such expressions would be purely advisory, of course, because no state convention has any authority to dictate to the Southern Baptist Convention, just as the Southern Baptist Convention has no authority to dictate to the state conventions. But the aggregate attendance upon all the state conventions is many times as large as the attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention, and so the consensus of opinion expressed by them would enable the Convention to avoid taking actions that might cause any serious division within the de-

Two important committees composed of highly honored brethren received rebuffs at the meeting in Atlanta that might have been avoided if their recommendations had been adequately discussed beforehand, for they would have had a better opportunity to know the views of the majority of our people and could have modified their recommendations to conform to the prevailing views. Free discussion throughout the territory of the Convention is the best method of learning what Southern Baptists think.

What do the brethren think of the plan here suggested? What do our editors think of it? If anyone can offer a better plan, by all means let's have it. The important thing is to promote our Baptist democracy in the most effective way.

Rev. E. L. Byrd, pastor at Holly Springs has accepted the pastorate of Highland church, Meridian. He succeeds B. B. Hilbun, who recently became pastor of the Second Avenue church, Laurel.

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# WHO DO BAPTISTS REMAIN ALOOF?

(Continued from Page One) corporate religious bodies?

For indeed your present attack, Mr. Editor, assails the integrity of our Convention. And if you say that your proposal of union would not interfere with our distinctive existence, we must immediately reply that any abridgement of our purposes or any inference that an additional union is necessary to accomplish those purposes is to assert that our Convention is inadequate to meet its objectives. Admission of the need for union, in the premises, is to admit the inadequacy either of our doctrine or of the avenues through which our Christian service should find expression. That point, Mr. Editor, no Baptist, so long as he remains a Baptist, will yield.

Local Churches Are Sufficient

Strange it seems to me, at first blush, that there should be any thought of need for any media for Christian witnessing, other than that provided by the local Baptist church and its associating bodies with which I have of my own volition affiliated. You see, Mr. Editor, I am a Baptist because I am a Baptist. Others may be in their churches by reason of the accident of birth, or for convenience, or for policy, but I joined a Baptist church because through it I received the good news of salvation through personal trust in Christ and I remain a member of a local Baptist church (not the Southern Baptist Church, mind you, but a local congregation of baptized believers) because as a church we accept the New Testament as the only and full creed of doctrine and practice. Through this local church, and by reason of co-operation with other congregations of like faith and practice, I find a complete opportunity for the full discharge of Christian service which a church should supply. That others do not in their churches, frankly to me is surprising.

New Testament Is Our Guide

What lack is there which must be supplied by some ulterior, over-all combination? Is it in the realm of doctrine? If so, we would importune one who feels such lack to find in the New Testament the fully revealed truth of God. Is it an unmet need in the field of service? Then let one through soul-winning, instructing fellow disciples more perfectly according to the teachings of the New Testament, and through the benevolences within the ken of his own local church and those associated with it discharge the Christian graces. Does this desire for amalgamation issue from an instinct to wield political power? or to achieve social reform through the pressure of numbers? or to accomplish the world's evangelization en masse through the impact of the mass? If such incentives pro

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voke the clamor for union, we honestly raise the question if such functions are within the province of the church which Christ founded to win the world to redeeming faith in Himself. To be sure there is a sense in which corporate Christian witnessing is an entity, and as such it does yield a powerful influence-political, social, and evangelistic-but those who think such power can be achieved by bringing together a heterogeneous mass just in order to have a mass, have predicated their efforts on the false premise that spiritual power is in direct proportion to physical num-

The function of the Christian church, we feel, is first to win followers to the Saviour and second to teach them in the ways and will of Christ. Only incidentally is its mission social or political-although its doctrines and the quickening Spirit (who alone explains its power) affect and alter every attitude and activity of one's life. It is not a political pressure body, the power of which is conditioned upon its size and vociferousness. It is understandable that if a body should be banded together for such purposes it would feel keenly the weakening of its hand by the aloofness of a body as numerous as Southern Baptists.

### Our Aims

Our aims as Baptist Christians is the regeneration of the individual by personal trust in Christ; and only so, we are quite sure, can society be reformed. We are not disturbed, therefore, by your cries of "Wolf! Wolf!" for we are already engaged in the destruction of the arch-enemy of mankind, and if your aims are the same as ours, your methods do not commend themselves to us. Catholicity of organization, so-called ecumenical Christianity in an overall organizatio,n does not impress the individual. He is won to saving faith by the persuasive testimony of a person. We are joined as Baptists for the private and corporate business of soul-winning. We invite all others of like compassion and similar faith to join us.

The major false premise of the whole structure of unionism, it would appear, is the persistent notion that catholicity of faith and of purpose require, at whatever cost and however attained, catholicity of organization. This was the false premise of the hierarchy which in the dark ages first gave to the word catholic its evil connotation. All men must be in the church—the Roman Catholic Church, to be sure-it was argued, for it had already been established, at least in the minds of the hierarchy, that salvation was in the church. Therefore the business was to get men in the church, if even at the point of the sword. According to the present argument, all Christians must be in the Federal Council, or the National Council, or what have you. This false premise that catholicity of Christian organization must be achieved at any price, all who are informed on the course of history know, brought untold suffering in the Dark Ages. The idea persists. It bodes no good today.

The burden of proof, then, rests not on Baptists, but rather on those who seek an amalgamation which, we feel, holds no prospect of good to the race.

What Kind of Repentance?

In your editorial, Mr. Editor, you quoted a Methodist preacher as reporting to the Atlanta Constitution that "millions of words were spoken



J. HAROLD JONES
JONES IS GOODYEAR PASTOR

J. Harold Jones, a native of Benton, Louisiana, having served several years as pastor for churches in various parts of Louisiana, began his duties as pastor of Goodyear Baptist Church June 1, filling the pulpit left vacant by the death of Rev. J. D. Griffin.

Reverend Jones is a graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., and of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. During the past eight years he has been connected with the Louisiana Baptist Encampment with assembly grounds at Mandeville. While in the seminary, he served as student assistant and fellow in the Department of Evangelism and Church Problems several years, and during his senior year he was president of the student body.

His wife, the former Miss Beatrice Germany, of Gonzales, La., is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and studied one year at the Baptist Bible Institute. For several years she was a teacher in the public schools in Louisiana and has been an active church worker since early childhood.

Reverend and Mrs. Jones have one son, David Harold, who is 10 months old.

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Pastor Charlie Treadway, Cleveland Baptist Church, writes that they are planning their June Special Now Club offering on the fourth Sunday He also states that the Chinese mission is planning an offering.

during the Baptist Convention and I heard most of them. But I didn't hear any words from anybody about repentance and humility." These words you have made to imply that Southern Baptists need to repent toward the Federal Council and speedily seek membership in that body. We doubt if that was the intent of the elderly brother who wrote them. We rather imagine that the old Methodist preacher was thinking about the need of calling sinners to repentance. He probably was remembering the old camp meetings, and the singing and the preaching and the shouting. He likely saw sinners walking the aisles, falling at the altar, and rising, tearfulbut radiant, to shout the praises of their new found Saviour.

As Baptists we would pledge ourselves to a compassionate ministry aimed at re-enacting such scenes. It is the humility and earnestness and unction which will accomplish such heart-felt repentance on the part of sinners for which we pray. May such be given to all who love the Saviour and lost souls in sincerity.

Faithfully yours,

JOE W. BURTON.



Correct answers on page 15

- 1. What is the meaning of the word "Arabah" which only appears in Joshua 18:18? In Hebrew script it appears many times.
- 2. The first printed Bible (the New Testament) was the cause of the translator being put to death. Who was he, and how was he slain?
- 3. Carrier pigeons used in present day war times are not original with us. Do you know how far back in history they were used?

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4. In this issue we begin the analysis of the Books of the New Testament. They are interesting and helpful.

Carthage Baptist Church closed an eight-day revival meeting Sunday night, June 18, with Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb of Kosciusko as guest-preacher. There were 15 additions, seven were baptized at the close of the night service. Brother Holcomb was at his best and did some wonderful preaching. He is true to the word, pleasing and attractive. His type of preaching lives on and on. This was his second meeting within a year.—H. W. Shirley, pastor.

Rev. A. P. Wells, who has been pastor of Myer's Memorial church, Mobile, Ala., has moved to Clinton and will be available as pastor of churches.

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)-American war prisoners in Germany are "more religious than during normal times," according to an article in the Stockholm newspaper, Nyadaglight Allehanda, written by Tanya Binaco-Pravitz, wife of a Swedish correspondent in Berlin. In one of the camps she visited, the writer says, the prisoners have decorated a "beautiful little chappel" for use by Roman Catholics and Protestants alike. Protestant services are held every Wednesday and two masses are said for the Catholics each morning. The Protestant prisoners also hold frequent Bible hours.

Maxey Jarman, president of the General Shoe Corporation, Nashville, Tenn., and prominent Southern Baptist layman, was elected June 13 to the board of trustees of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, according to the Rev. Will H. Houghton, D. D., president. One of the leading shoe manufacturers of the United States, Mr. Jarman also has been active in Christian work. He has served on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and taught men's Bible class in Nashville's First Baptist Church, of which he is a member.

Brother R. A. Morris, Newton, writes that Cross Roads and Stratton are taking a special June offering on the debt payment.

Miss Frances Lippincott, secretary, Leland Baptist Church, writes as follows: "Please send us by retain mail two hundred and fifty special offering envelopes for the special debt paying campaign."

Miss Julia Mae Morgan, secretary, Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, sends the following request to us: "Please send 200 envelopes for debt-paying Sunday to Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church." 22, 1944

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# Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

THE POWER IN SIMPLE LIVING (Temperance Lesson) Daniel 1:8-16, 19, 20

This lesson takes us back into the ancient world before our Lord came. The story of Daniel has perennial interest for all people, especially the young; because it is the story of a young man of college age who pursued in his day exactly the course which will lead any young man or woman of sound mind and body through the portals of success today, just as it did Daniel in his day. Human nature has not changed one bit in all the ages; the avenues along which man moves to shame or to honor are still the old ways worn smooth by the tramping feet of all the tribes of men who sleep in the bosom of Mother Earth.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, conquered the kingdom of Judah, in a number of successive invasions, extending over some 18 or 20 years. On the occasion of his first invasion of Judah, he carried a number of the people of Judah with him to Babylon, among them Daniel and his three young friends, all four of whom must have been younger than mature men, perhaps 16 to 18 years of age; because they were enrolled in the court school, and only teen-age boys were so enrolled. This enrollment of a number of promising boys of a conquered race in the schools of the conqueror that they might be trained in the political and social and economic ideals of the conqueror is a custom as old as the history of conquest and subjection, almost. It has persisted to our time, just prior to the dawn of which, a famous Prussian said, "What you want in your nation in 40 years, put now into your schools." The Jesuit priests employed the principle in Mexico and Peru, the Mohammedans made use of the principle in exactly the way Nebuchadnezzar did in their training of young captive Christian boys into the forces of the Janizaires, and Hitler has employed it with a vengeance in Germany. "Train a lad in the path you want him to pursue, and he will walk in it."

Daniel walked in the prescribed way in all regards except the important ones which affect character and physical vigor. At solicitations to waste the one or compromise the other, he stopped. He brought to bear the force of a will which would dare all risks for the sake of a principle of right, whether the risk be to his personal safety or to his chances of social and political advancement.

Babylon of Daniel's day was a great city in which were found all the various forms of sin to be found in any great city, then as now. Into this great city Daniel was thrust and invited to indulge the appetites which would have led to his defilement. Of course drink, strong drink, alcoholic liquors, used as beverage, is the fecund mother of all forms of sin; and while this is not the only form of danger that Daniel resolved to avoid, it is the one which the lesson of the day will lead us to lay greatest emphasis upon.

I. An Invitation to Fellowship in Hate.

I have long believed that alcohol

friend and God's worst enemy. I have seen its victims writhe in its clutches, cast out of situations which they might have adorned but for the curse of it, dashed down to death before their time, leaving want where there might have been a competence, and a memory among men far other than it should have been, till I can never make friends with it. The traffic in beverage alcohol meets my loathing and execration—I had about said, "my contempt"; but you can not hold this thing in contempt; it is too frightful in its strength. But I do hate the traffic.

I hate its every phase. I hate it for its intolerance. I hate it for its arrogance. I hate it for its hypocrisy. I hate it for its craft and false pretense. I hate it for its crass commercialism. I hate it for its greed and avarice. I hate it for its sordid love of grain at any price. I hate it for its presumptuous audacity in politics. I hate it for its corrupting influence in civic affairs. I hate it for its incessant effort to debauch the suffrage of the country; for the cowards it makes of public men. I hate it for its utter disregard of law. I hate it for its ruthless trampling of the solemn compacts of state constitutions. I hate it for the load it straps to labor's back; for the palsied hand it gives to toil; for its wounds to genius; for the tragedies of its might-have-beens. I hate it for the human wrecks it has laid on both banks in every bend and on every stretch of the river of time. I hate it for the alms houses it peoples; for the prisons it fills; for the insanity it begets; for its countless graves in the potters' fields. I hate it for the mental ruin it imposes upon. its victims; for its spiritual blight; for its moral degradation. I hate it for the crimes it has committed. I hate it for the homes it has destroyed. I hate it for the hearts it has broken. I hate it for the malice it has planted in the hearts of men-for its poisons, for its bitterness- for the Dead Sea fruit with which it mocks the hunger of its hapless dupes. I hate it for the grief it has caused womanhood, for the virgins it has deflowered, for the wives it has made the tempters and destroyers of their husbands, for the mothers it has debauched and disqualified for the loving care and nurture of their children, for the scalding tears that womanhood has shed because of its deception of those she loved as the crimson currents of her own blood, for the hopes of womanhood deferred, the aspirations strangled, for the burdens of want and care its heartless selfishness has imposed. I hate it for its heartless cruelty to the age, the infirm, and the helpless, for the shadow it throws upon the lives of children, for its monstrous injustice to blameless little ones. I hate it as virtue hates vice, as truth hates error, as righteousness hates sin, as justice hates wrong, as liberty hates tyranny, as freedom hates oppression. I hate it as true love hates the death that would divide it from its object. I hate it as holy angels hate the rebels whose godless selfishness fits them to inhabit only the dark regions of the damned. I hate it because its course, from the moment it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm of the distillery till tt empties into the jaws of disease, debauchery and death, tends to curse and corrode, to blight and blur, all and every one who touches it. I hate it because it has called into its un-

used as a beverage is the devil's best clean service a larger number of girls friend and God's worst enemy. I and women than all American colleges and universities have enrolled in their classes in this year of our they might have adorned but for the curse of it, dashed down to death before their time, leaving want where there might have been a competence.

Now, in all that I have said, I have not overspoken the discredit of this traitor to our civilization. I have impeached the liquor traffic, but the articles are not overdrawn. But of wyhat avail is it to denounce an evil if the matter ends in denunciation? I am asking you who read this, first, for an examination into the truth of the implied indictment I have drawn. If you do that and decide that I have not overdraw. I am asking that you join me in the disregard in which I hold this brew of the devil's own designing. And, if you do, I ask that you concern yourself with the consideration of remedies for the evil which the liquor traffic saddles on the back of the giant of civilization. II. The Only Apparent Remedy.

Can it be accomplished by statutory prohibition? All friends of the traffic, of course, say, "No!" I doubt not many enemies of the traffic, at first believing that I could be stamped out by legal enactment, grew discouraged during the period of prohibition under constitutional amendment, and honestly arrived at the conviction that prohibition by law was a failure, and I am sure that many people, who were at one time warm advocates of prohibition, grew heartsick at the result of it, and were left in a state of bewilderment as to the best course of campaign in the war against it.

Of one thing I am sure: its use and abuses arising therefrom could be greatly curtailed if the people who vote dry and talk dry would consistently abstain from the use of liquor. And here is one place I can say, "Do as I do." "Oh, but you are a preacher!" Very well, I quit the drinking of liquor while I was a youth and long before I became a church member or dreamed of becoming a preacher. I became convinced then and remain convinced that there is

nothing a normal man cannot do better if he abstains from drink than if he indulge in it, unless his effort be to get drunk. If he wishes to do that, his drinking will help him.

I talk against you. You can do that. Teach the young people the evils which come of it.

Keep a sober home. My baby is a boy of fifteen years, and I have three grown children. As far as I know, no one of them drinks at all. They never saw their father do it, and they never heard him excuse the use of liquor upon the part of anyone else. They all have had him sit and tell them, each of them, that all medical biological science cries out and against the indulgence in strong drink, that it shatters the nerves, shrivels the muscles, contorts the morals, and maddens the minds of its devotees. The remedy then is to teach, teach by every and any means, the evils of strong drink.

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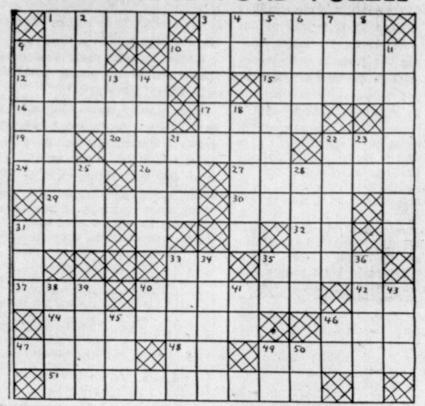
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"And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the ha nd of their enemies all the days of the judge."-Judges 2:18.

### THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL ACROSS

- L Eighth judge. He judged Israel twenty and two years, Judges 10:3.
- Fifth judge. "The sword of the Lord, and of . . . . Judges 7:20.
- 9 Roman bronze or copper.
- 10 These were made at the end of every seventh year, Deut. 15:1. 2.
- 12 "False brethren," Gal. 2:4.
- 15 Gideon put . . . in a pot, Judges 6:19. 16 One of David's men, I Chron. 11:44.
- 17 Eleventh judge. "And after him . . . a Zebulonite," Judges 12:11.
- 19 Ethyl.
- 20 One of those named in Isa. 50:6.
- 22 Old Testament books.
- 24 Although.
- 26 King of Egypt, 2 Kings 17:4.
- 27 Gate in a lock tumbler.
- 29 Twelfth judge. "And after him ... the son of Hillel," Judges 12:13.
- Second judge. He was left-handed and used a dagger, Judges 3:15, 16.
- 31 Son of Benjamin, Gen. 46:21. 32 Exclamation used to frighten.
- 36 Author's copy.
- 35 ". . . the Gadite," 2 Sam. 23:36.
- 37 Pronoun.
- 40 Fifteenth judge. Two Old Testament books are named for him. 42 Barium.
- 44 First judge. The land had rest forty years under him, Judges 3:11.
- 46 Old Testament book.
- 47 Medley.
- 48 North latitude.
- 49 Helper of fourth judge, Judges 4:6.
- 51 Sixth judge. He killed all but one of . his brothers, Judges 9:1, 5. DOWN
- 1 Ninth judge. He made a vow that was hard to fulfill, Judges 11:30-39. Country.
- Animal.
- Adjective suffix.
- Fourth judge. With 49 across she sang a song of triumph, Judges 5.

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK

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- 6 Merit
- 7 Colorado mountain.
- 8 "I will let down the . . . "
- 9 Part of one's property.
- 11 Third judge. His weapon was an ox goad, Judges 3:31.
- 13 Measures; town in Prussia.
- 14 Thirteenth judge. His strength was in his hair, Judges 16.
- 18 Permanent.
- 21 Electrified particle.
- 22 City that Christ knew, Matt. 15:21.
- 23 Article.
- 25 Sash. 28 Son of Japheth, Gen. 10:2.
- 31 Fourteenth judge. He was also high priest, 1 Sam. 2:11. 33 New England state.
- 34 "nor the . . . of fire," Dan. 3:27.
- 35 Exist.
- 36 Tenth judge. His record is given in three verses, Judges 12:8-10.
- Seventh judge. His record is given in Judges 10:1, 2.
- 39 The dunlin, a bird.
- 40 Symbol for tin.
- 41 Last half of the sixth month of the sacred year, Neh. 6:15.
- 43 Noah built one.
- 45 To haw, as cattle. 46 Judah's firstborn, Gen. 38:7.
- 49 Before Christ.
- 50 Interjection.



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REV. OTHELL HAND

Rev. Othell Hand, of Collinsville, Miss., who was designated the Mississippi College ministerial student "most likely to succeed," during his senior year there, is still showing good prospects as he enters his second year as a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Rev. Mr. Hand has just accepted a call to the pastorate of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Ky., a full-time church of 350 active members, beginning his work there on Sunday, June 10.

Mr. Hand is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hand, of Collinsville, Miss. During his college days he served for some time as president of the Ministerial Association at Mississippi College, and three years as pastor of the full-time Baptist church at Ethel, Miss. Upon his graduation he was awarded a cash scholarship by the Woman's Missionary Union, as the member of his class most likely to succeed in the ministry.

Lawrenceburg is conveniently located for the student pastor, being only fifty miles from Louisville. -BR

### SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS RE-FER CHAPLAINCY CHARGES TO COMMITTEE

Montreat, N. C .- (RNS) -An overture asking the Navy Department that "chaplains serving under it be protected from orders of their commanding officers to do things that are in violation of their consciences as Christian ministers" was referred to committee by the 84th General Assembly here of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

Chaplain Frederick Volbeda of Washington asserted that some naval officers are forbidding chaplains to preach "repentance and danger of hell," and that his own commanding officer once told him he would "have no hell fire preaching" aboard ship. -BR-

### DELTA PASTORS ELECT C. J. OLANDER

Meeting at Drew in the last session until fall, the Delta Pastor's Conference honored one of its oldest (in length of service, pastors with its presidency. The new pastor is C. J. Olander of Morgan City. W. R. Storie, Itta Bena pastor, was re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

The conference theme was Missions, Past, Present and Future. Speakers were: Dr. R. A. Tullos of Greenwood and Rev. J. H. Pennebaker of Sumner. -BR

Rev. E. N. Sullivan, who has been in Texas for the past several years, has been called to the First Baptist Church of Poplarville.

### THE PASSPORT QUESTION

The resolution, "Religious Freedom in the Americas," adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, has naturally evoked widespread comment in both religious and secular press. The presenting of this resolution was prompted by the following considerations:

(1) The Roman Catholic Campaign: The persistent campaign of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to discredit Protestant work in Latin America, charging it with undermining the Good Neighbor Policy. The April 7, 1944, issue of The Catholic Week headlines this charge: "Protestant Mission in Latin America Hurts Hull's Policy." Most Protestant bodies have already declared themselves on this subject.

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- (2) The Passport Question: During the war years practically every Protestant Foreign Mission Board at work in Latin America has encountered "difficulty and delay" in securing passports for new missionaries. This, apparently, has not applied to new American Catholic missionaries going to Latin America.
- (a) There has been no difficulty in obtaining passports for experienced missionaries returning to their stastations. Every consideration has been shown by the State Department in this regard.
- (b) Only in regard to new missionaries have the various boards encountered difficulties as verified by the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, representing a large percentage of Protestant Mission Boards.
- (c) The resolution continues: "Happily, this situation is changing, and passports to new Protestant missionaries are being issued more readily." The annual report of the Foreign Mission Board states clearly that four new Southern Baptist missionaries for Argentina and Chile have recently been issued.
- (3) Religious Freedom: "The only vital issue here involved is the fundamental ideal of complete religious freedom." The resolution continues: "We herewith reassert our historic position to defend the full religious rights of our Catholic neighbors . . . and . . . of all minorities everywhere."

If there is any doubt in the minds of our constituency about the existence of this problem, let us quote from an article by Dr. George P. Howard, who ministers to thousands of Latin American University students. Having lived most of his life in Latin America, he has recently made a special tour to investigate the charges against Protestant mission work. The results of interviews with countless publishers and statesmen will soon be published. He writes: "Manuel Seoane (a Catholic), editor of Chile's most popular magazine, after a recent visit to the United States, wrote a book with his impressions. He there remarks that he had noticed that the influence of the U.S. government was producing a return of Protestant missionaries from South America and encouraging the sending of Roman Catholic missionaries. 'We resent,' he said to me in a signed statement, 'that an inquisitorial office established in any foreign office should decide whom we are to entertain as our guests and who should not enter our countries."

The Foreign Mission Board will soon release a detailed survey of a long series of ominous events which prompted the presenting of the resolution.

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The nine and ten year old boys in Itta Bena Baptist Sunday school. These boys have made a 100% class grade for three Sundays in succession which could only be possible through their cooperation.

The class is, left to right: Mrs. E. L. Rhodes, teacher; Bobby Lee Mexin, Laran Bailey, Billy Durrett, Paul Williams, Bobby Storrie, George Pass and Horace McCarty.

### ANOTHER TRAIL BLAZED By Frank E. Skilton

On page No. 3 of The Baptist Record of June 15, where "Your Secretary Says:-," appears the following paragraphs:

"We have been somewhat amazed at the forward thinking of some of our laymen. Whether or not you agree with every suggestion you will admit they are not 'asleep in the head.'

"After recent suggestions from laymen as carried in this column, others followed as: . . . Why not intensively train our students in colleges and seminaries in all the church work of Christ, and denominational work as well? . . . "

It will rejoice the hearts of our beloved secretary and others, who think that students in our colleges and seminaries should be trained in church work and denominational work, to learn that Blue Mountain College has been practising this for more than half a century. So consistent, continuous, and zealous has been the college's policy throughout the years in this respect, that a need for a building to be used exclusively for this purpose was felt more than a decade ago. The fulfillment of that need was consummated a few years ago when Mrs. Henry F. Broach of Meridian and other friends made possible the erection of Broach Hall at Blue Mountain, said by southwide leaders to be the best building of its kind in the South.

While hundreds of Blue Mountain girls are serving in full-time-religious-work capacities, I shall not emphasize these here. Too, becoming modesty prevents our telling of the thousands of women receiving impressions and instruction at Blue Mountain who have served and are now serving in practically every phase of activity in their respective churches, and who are leaders in denominational life. Their pastors will gladly tell of them, as will the members of the churches to which they belong.

Blue Mountain never has sought to be greater; always to be better. The college continues to strive to be a Christian education beacon, that "our daughters may be as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace."

-BR-D. I. Young, who recently resigned at Eden and moved to Greenville to do missionary work, writes: "I am happy in my work with the Chinese, and at Swiftwater and Priscilla. Dr. Henderson is a great soul to work with and his church is loyal in support of the work."

### THE "EYES" HAVE IT By Paul E. Crandall

There were 80,000 projectors in the chools of Germany ten years ago. During the intervening ten years Hitler was able to capture completely the minds and imagination of German youth. It was done chiefly through films. Who would say he did not succeed? Children never forget what they see. Seeing is believing, or "The Eyes" have it. What goes in one ear has a great chance of going out the other. But what goes in one eye seldom goes out the other eye. The spoken word, the printed page, the impact of a teacher's consecrated personality, are all valuable in our aim to teach effectively the Bible. But let us also employ, and explore more fully, the vast field of visual aid in achieving our great purposes.

A little girl climbed upon her grandmother's knee and opening her illustrated book of the life of Christ said, "Big Mama, read me this picture." A simple illustration of the fact that The Eyes Have It." An amazing story is to be written after the war . . . and surely one chapter will tell how our Navy, our Army and our Air Force were able to train, effectively, millions of men so that the right thing was done at the right time and made its contribution to ultimate victory. Part of that chapter has already reached print. The leaders of our armed forces saw the tremendous possibility of teaching quickly and effectively through visual aids. The coast guard, pre-induction training schools, the Navy, the Army, the Air Corps all have vast libraries of films, slides, film strips, and through the "eye" taught our men and women in the services to do successfully the difficult jobs they are called upon day by day to do.

### When the Boys Come Home

How will we teach these same youth when they return? Will our old techniques and methods hold them or will there be another lost generation to the church and Bible study! One turns to Page 25 of "Visual Review" and sees the vast stacks of films in the storage racks at the central film distribution library at Quantico, Va. Here is part of the story of the success of our marines. The "Review Theatres" on many army posts literally took the soldiers through the possible experiences of invasion and combat. They knew what to do because they saw what to do. Microfilming at the army medical library at Washington gave to our army doctors, and to science at large, what no other method of teaching could possibly do. The destroyer base at San Diego had its classrooms equipped with audio-visual equipment and they did a marvelous job in instructing men for combat. This is part of the story behind the story our churches can begin to learn the lesson now. Our own church school already has a film strip and kodachrome slide library and is giving a vital place to Christian motion pictures in its schedule of events.

The field of religious visual education has expanded in the past two vears in ever-widening proportions. The audio-visual Handbook by Ellsworth Kent lists an unusual number of sources whereby motion pictures, slides, kodachrome slides, and film strip picturol may be secured. Every church should have this text. Write to your Baptist Book Store for it (\$1.75). Southern Baptists, through the new department on visual education at the



### NIX RESIGNS JUNIPER GROVE TO ACCEPT FRIENDSHIP

Juniper Grove church (Pearl River county) has listed several accomplishments of D. W. Nix, who is leaving them to accept the Friendship church (Pike county), as follows: Growth in membership, completion and furnishing of the church building, improvements to the grounds, substantial progress toward pastor's home, and large attendance at all conventions within reach of the members. The spiritual guidance of the pastor, who was serving for his second term, was outstanding, especially among his young people. He was considered by many as their ideal pastor. His family shared in the affection of the people.—Reporter.

San Antonio, Texas-With business establishments, civic groups, public institutions, and local governmental agencies joining with churches of all denominations, a daily minute-of-prayer movement has been inaugurated here. This preinvasion program was started with the announced intention of continuing it until victory has been achieved. The minute of silent prayer is being observed at 11 a. m. The interlude is heralded in various ways-by church bells and chimes, radio announcements, and appropriate signals in stores and factories.

-BR-

Sunday School Board, are seeing the possibilities of teaching through see-

### Help For Smallest Churches

Some day we will have enough material available for even the smallest churches and at a nominal cost. Other denominations are already expanding their service to their churches and so are Southern Baptists. The next generation of Baptists can be the best taught generation of Baptists as we employ visual aids to assist our teachers and leaders to do more effectively the fine work they are already Plan now to study the whole field thoroughly. Secure catalogues from the many sources already available. Prepare your leaders to engage in an extensive use of visual aids in the classroom, the department program, the training courses and even in the field of administration. The "eyes" will have it. May we have the eyes to see the unlimited possibilities of teaching the great verities of our faith through this expanding medium! The cost will be more than we have been accustomed to pay. But the cost in only partially effective teaching in the lives of the youth of this generation will be tremendously more!-Biblical Recorder.

### Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 12.

meaning of): It 1. ("Arabah," means in Hebrew, "wilderness," "desert," or "plain," and is described as a "deep crevice" stretching from the Sea of Galilee to the Gulf of Akabah (one of the arms of the Red sea), including part of the Jordan valley and the Dead sea.

2. (Death of New Testament translator): William Tyndale, in 1525, translated the New Testament, and was strangled and burned at the stake in 1536. His last words were "Lord, open thou the King of England's eyes."

3. (Carrier pigeons): They have been used since ancient times, first being used during the First Crusade by the Saracens to carry information to their armies. In 1870, during the siege of Paris, pigeons were also used fo carrying communications. (Noah, however, was the first to use a pigeon.)

4. (First analysis of New Testament books): 1. Matthew; 2. Mark; 3. Luke; 4. John. These four books are known as the biographical history of the life of Christ. (In next week's issue (June 29), we will cover the Acts of the Apostles.)

#### MISSISSIPPIAN IN ITALY NOTES INTEREST IN RELIGION

L. E. Holly, Jr., of Waynesboro, Miss., has written an interesting letter home, in which he mentions among other things the religious interest there and makes some predictions. We print below some excerpts from this letter:

"We have church in camp, and frequently go to church in town. Some of the boys are Catholic and understand the Italian language—the rest just worship in their own way. It is nothing uncommon to see churches here filled to the door, and lots of the goers Americans. . . . I wonder if the people at home are going to worship as they do here? Seems this war is changing religious conditions -most people are thinking more than ever before. Personally, I think this will go a long way toward winning and ending the war. We have good and bad soldiers, just as do all other countries, but there are few who do not pin their hopes on our Father, especially in darkest hours. In Sicily ... the chaplain brought some of the infantry boys down to the sea to baptize them. After the baptizing I was talking with one of them who said he had never thought of joining the church until he and his pals were given orders to break up a machine gun nest that all other outfits had failed to get. They were never fired on by the Germans in accomplishing the order. He knew it was an act of God for sparing them, and they decided the least they could do was to join the church and live for Him. We all have particular and important jobs, but the boys in the infantry have the toughest going. . . . We all have hopes of being victorious soon and making this a better world in which to live. . . . I wish I could tell you all I have seen, but it would take a book. . . . We are thankful this war does not reach into America-causing homes to be demolished . . . and whole families to roam about seeking a place to stay and something to eat. We pray America shall never see these conditions. . . . Your letters are encouraging. . . ."

### THAT MEN MAY DIE, YET LIVE!

The curse of death is hanging over many a boy tonight, Far out upon some battlefield engaged

in freedom's fight.

Is your boy one of these?

Or have you graciously been spared from sending one across, And yet go merrily along, unknowing

the great loss, Content yourself to please?

O God, have pity on the soul whose heart has never bled,

Or felt at least a little pain at all the countless dead,

And melt that heart of stone!

For many who have given their lives in service of their land,

Have died without the hope of ever reaching heaven's strand, Because they died alone.

O child of God, tell him who serves, of Jesus and His love,

Of grace sufficient for each need, of heaven's rest above,

And pray that he'll decide

To take this Saviour as his own, so that if death should call

While out upon some battlefront, 'twill not be death at all, With Jesus by his side!

-Wilbur W. Schrag.

# DARK PROSPECTS FOR THE DRINKER

The world will never know the full truth concerning the number of deaths attributable directly or indirectly to alcoholism. The charitable disposition of our physicians prompts them legitimately to assign the cause of death in many instances to some disease, which in reality was brought on by alcoholism. Thus, Bright's disease, dropsy, cancer and tuberculosis are frequently the immediate cause of death, but liquor had destroyed body tissues and was directly the cause of the disease and hence indirectly the cause of death.

The records of the great insurance companies tell a startling story in their rejections of applicants for life insurance since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and the return of beer and hard liquors. Their records of 1935 showed an increase of 183 per cent in rejections among applicants under 30 years of age for alcoholic indulgence as compared with 1932—the last year before the repeal. It simply means that the person who drinks has such a slight probability of living to the normal expectancy that reputable insurance companies do not care to take the risk of insuring him.—Baptist Standard.

# EMERGES VICTOR IN CLASH WITH NAZIS

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Bishop Hans Fuglsang-Damgaard, primate of the Danish Lutheran Church, emerged the victor in a clash with German occupation authorities over a recent Copenhagen church broadcast in which prayers were urged for persecuted Jews in Denmark.

Incensed over a reference by Bishop Axel Malmstroen to "God's chosen people," Nazi officials threatened to censor all future broadcasts of divine services over the Danish radio.

In a reply forwarded through the Danish Foreign Office, Bishop Fuglsang-Damgaard, reported under house arrest since last September, threatened that if religious broadcasts were censored and Sunday ser-

### LETTER FROM HAWAII

Chaplain N. B. Saucier, who is with the armed forces in Hawaii has written a letter about the country there, and how the outfit he is with has started having services every day instead of stated intervals. He is happy over the reports in The Baptist Record about the Appelman meetings, and looks forward to seeing the spirit of evangelism rise higher and higher. We quote from his letter:

"Can't tell how long before we will move down to where we can get our guns in the fight. Our men are like a football team that has trained over a long period and finally the date for the first scheduled game is drawing near. We have some of God's choicest servants in our outfit and I am sure there are many of God's people back at home interceding in our behalf. I have had two baptisms since arriving on this island and I hope to have many more. We have so many unsaved men with us. I am preaching the gospel of Christ as best I know how every Sunday and many times during the week. This week we began daily religious services. Please pray that God will use us to lead many to the saving knowledge of His Son.

"A few days ago I went out to the cemetery where the Pearl Harbor casualties were buried. I had such a strangely reverent feeling in the presence of those fallen comrades. Doubtless some of you who will read this have loved ones among those who rest there. May God comfort your hearts and all others whose loved ones have given their lives since that memorable day. The cemetery is well kept and is very beautiful.

"This is a picturesque land with beautiful native flowers, trees and fruits. I can spend hours looking at the mountains and equally as long time swimming on the pretty beaches. We spend a day on the beach occasionally to the delight of every one. I saw some vast fields of sugar cane and pineapples a few days ago. They reminded me of the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta. The bananas and cocoanuts grow almost everywhere. I have a couple of cocoanuts in my tent and usually have bananas

"I find quite a number of Protestant churches in Honolulu and some few out in the country. There are a few Southern Baptist churches here but seemingly are not very strong. Last Sunday I carried a group of soldiers to church in town and during the afternoon we attended a "Singspiration" at one of the native Christian churches. I've never heard any sweeter chorus singing than by that mixed group of Americans, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiians, and what have you. Most of them were loyal Christions."

Rev. William G. (Billy) Watson, of Ellisville, Miss., a second-year student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is serving during the summer months as assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., of which Dr. F. M. Powell is pastor. Billy is a graduate of Mississippi College.

vices kept off the air, every pulpit in Denmark would inform the people of the "real facts."

A week later, the Danish primate received a letter of apology in which the Danish authorities professed to have been misled by an inaccurate translation of Bishop Malmstroen's broadcast.

### SOLDIERS WENT ON CRUTCHES THROUGH BLACKOUT AND RAIN FOR NIGHTLY PRAYER SERVICES

Through blackouts, mud, rain and snow, on crutches, the men at a hospital behind the lines "somewhere in Italy" in the midst of winter attended nightly services of prayer and song led by a Mississippi chaplain, 1st Lt. Charlie Webb.

Friends are not surprised to read in a recent dispatch the following honor received by Lt. Webb:

"Letter of Commendation:

"The performance of duty by 1st Lieut. Charlie A. Webb, during his assignment to this battalion was outstanding. His ability to gain rapidly the confidence and respect of the officers and men was superior. His cheerful spirit and his assistance in morale activities beyond the duties normally performed by chaplains was of greatest benefit to the organization during a period when the troops were moving into a combat zone."

### -MAXWELL A. TINCHER.

We quote portions of a letter regarding the work being done: "I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the Baptist Record, and am thoroughly enjoying reading of the splendid work that Mississippi Baptists are doing. Through The Record I am able to follow the work of many of my friends and their churches. It seems that the larger percentage of Protestant chaplains in this area are Southern Baptists. When we get together naturally we talk about you back home and the fine, earnest work that you are doing. You are never forgotten in our thoughts and prayers, and we do not want to be forgotten in yours.

### More Than Half on Crutches

"In spite of the mud, rain and snow the Gospel of Christ is being preached to our men from the front lines back to the rest camps with encouraging results. The men are hungering after the Bread of Life. I am able to preach to a large tent filled with wounded men and those sick from disease each Sunday. Tomorrow I will go to another Evacuation Hospital and pinch hit for the Chaplain, who is ill. At the close of a recent service, six men pushed their way through the crowd to accept publicly Christ as Savior. One of these men did not wait for the song to begin, but came forward immediately following the message, making a public statement. In addition to my two Sunday worship services, I am now conducting nightly prayer services. At these services we sing several of the old time hymns, read together a passage of Scripture and have our prayers, the men praying as they feel led. I feel closer to Christ in these services than at any other time. At our services last night more than half of those attending were on crutches and it is not easy for them to walk through the blackout and rain either. I often think of the many deacons, Sunday school teachers and other church members back home, physically fit, who will not brave the weather of a beautiful night for one prayer service a week."

London (By Wireless to RNS)—
Steps to amend the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England to permit marriages between relatives were approved here by the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury. The amendment would allow a man to marry his sister-in-law, aunt, or niece.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Calvary	SS	BTU
Calvary	716	163
Jackson First	836	193
Parkway Jackson New Hope (Sunflower)	391	115
(June 11)		
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	130	61
(June 11)		
Goodwater (Simpson)	21	
(May 20)	40	
Cross Roads (Webster)	45	
(June 11)	40	
New Hope (Sunflower)	40	
(May 28)	119	00
Clarke-Venable, Decatur	106	60
Wallerville	62	65
New Albany	204	45
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	10	115
Center (Union)	100	00
Cross Roads (Webster)	100	60
Olive Branch	er-	57
Gum Grove (Lincoln)	125	31
Summit		109
West Side (Natchez)	107	121
Crystal Springs	220	58
Union (Pike)	000	89
Hardy	or	45
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	00	
Ramah (Franklin)	51	
——BR——	31	51

### CHAPLAIN WM. M. BOWMAN ENJOYS TRANSPORT WORK

Chaplain Wm. M. Bowman who will soon finish his first year in the armed forces sends regards to all Mississippi friends. He rejoices at reading in the Baptist Record certain names from Walthall county among those coming in as renewals. He speaks of the tremendous responsibility and opportnuity of the transport chaplains, although the sea and the extreme heat of the South Pacific sometimes "grind him down." The refreshing visit on shore renews his spirit and he is ready for the next voyage. He says "Keep the churches praying for us that we may have health and a warm spirit that will demonstrate the real Christian faith." Agin he says "I have met many Southern Baptist chaplains, some from Mississippi. Chaplains of all faiths are doing a good work. As a veteran of the first World War, I see the morale of our men as superior to that in the other war. Last Sunday we had four services on board with 1,000 attending. It tests the ability of the chaplains to keep the spirit of the men high on the long voyages we now have, but at the same time it gives opportunity for longer contacts. My wife sends The Baptist Record to me, and I spent two hours last night before going to bed, re-reading the January and February issues of the paper. I assure you there is great consolation in its pages on the high sea." iM-Ibthead4 now is

### ELIGIBLE FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Bismarck, N. D.—(RNS)—Ministers of churches in North Dakota are now eligible for state workmen's compensation, according to an annuoncement by the state bureau.

The information was in answer to an inquiry from religious groups for a legal interpretation of the right of the bureau to compel their taking out coverage for pastors and other employees.

The commission said it was its opinion that a clergyman is in the course of his employment when he makes sick calls, attends funerals, and does other ministerial work. The commission declared that it would consider all claims filed by employees of religious organizations.